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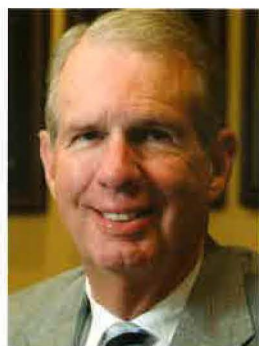
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Worth the wait

By DAVID B. BURKS



665 DAYS.

That is the length of time it took to complete the largest renovation and expansion project in the history of Harding. On Oct. 27, during Homecoming weekend, we dedicated the “new” American Heritage Center, and the finished product is worth every day of waiting (Page 16).

During the lengthy time span, approximately 35,000 square feet were added to the facility, including two conference rooms; three dining rooms; the James and Bonnie Cone Chapel; and administrative offices for the president, executive vice president, alumni relations, advancement, admissions services, the American Studies Institute and public safety. In addition, the lobby was expanded by nearly 50 percent, a new entrance was created on Market Street, and hotel rooms were renovated. The total cost of the project was approximately \$8.8 million.

The expanded facility allows us to enhance services we provide for campus events such as community meetings, special dinners, receptions or weddings. A good example of the building’s versatility is the community holiday reception the University hosted in December, with more than 1,300 attending.

The renovation and expansion of the American Heritage Center with a chapel overlooking campus was a dream of mine for more than a decade. The first mention of the idea came in a conversation with the late James Cone while he was chairman of the board of trustees. He encouraged the pursuit because he realized what a chapel and additional facilities would mean to the institution. Naming the new chapel in honor of James and Bonnie Cone was not only entirely appropriate, but also just a natural way to recognize the leadership this couple provided to the University.

The lobby displays two significant items, which in my opinion represent the real emphasis of the University. Embedded in the floor is the new seal with the words “faith, learning and living” as a daily reminder of our mission. A large bronze globe identifies our goal of carrying the gospel to the world, as well as our desire to provide a worldwide perspective to our students.

Almost every college has a campus landmark that is clearly recognizable by everyone familiar with the school. At Harding, the American Heritage Center is becoming that signature building. It is a marvelous addition to campus that will enable the University to better serve the community and its student body.

665 days — it was worth the wait! **H**

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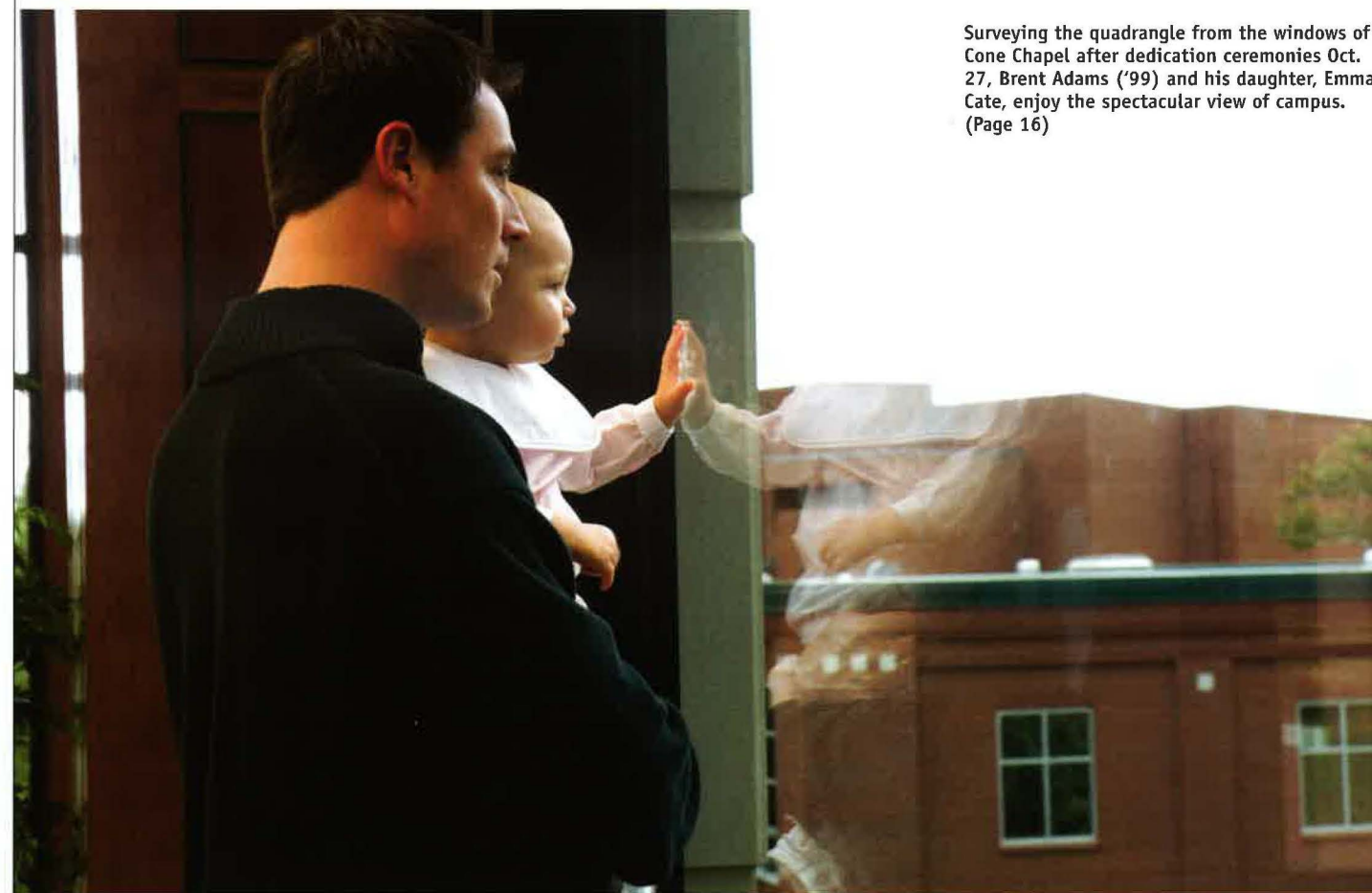
The north side of the quadrangle has a new look due to the expansion and renovation of the American Heritage Center. Photo by Jeff Montgomery.

PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY

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JOSEPH E. PRYOR 1937

A man for all seasons

By CLIFTON L. GANUS JR., chancellor

JOSEPH E. PRYOR, or Dr. Joe as most of us knew him, was truly a great and good man — a man for all seasons. He was well-educated, brilliant in mind, diverse in interests, dedicated to excellence and hard work, trusting in God, and friendly and loving to all as he faithfully served his Creator, especially in that place called Harding. Despite his great achievements, he was a humble man, a trait he learned from his father, L.E. Pryor, who



1937 Senior picture.



1957 Receiving Harding's Alpha Chi inauguration plaque from Dr. Witt.



1988 Associated Collegiate Press inducts the *Petit Jean* into the All-American Hall of Fame.



1988 With his beloved Bessie Mae.

taught school and preached the Gospel.

Joe got his first taste of Christian education when, at 5 years of age, he enrolled in first grade at Arkansas Christian College in Morrilton, Ark. Later in the spring of 1926, he attended fifth grade at Harding Academy before his family moved to Kentucky, where his dad preached and taught school. In 1933, as a 15-year-old freshman, he enrolled at Harding and began a long, symbiotic relationship with a school that he dearly loved. In 1934 he helped move the school to Searcy.

He was a busy student, excelling in both academics and athletics. He lettered in basketball and track, edited the *Bison* and *Petit Jean* yearbook, participated in drama, and led TNT men's social club and Alpha Honor Society. For four-straight years he was Honor Student for the *Petit Jean* and in 1937 was valedictorian at age 19.

Joe dreamed of studying to be a doctor at Vanderbilt University, but Harding's president, Dr. George S. Benson, strongly encouraged him to prepare to return to teach math and physical science. He received his master's degree and Ph.D. in these subjects while teaching at Louisiana State University. His record was outstanding, and he returned to teach at Harding in 1944. During the summers he studied at University of Minnesota and University of Chicago.

President Benson recognized great ability and had a tendency to add responsibilities without removing others. As a result, Joe taught physical science from 1944 to 1989, chaired the department from 1944 to 1963, and served as academic dean

from 1960 to 1983 and vice president for academic affairs from 1972 to 1983. He was an outstanding teacher, tough and demanding but fair and helpful to the students. In addition, for four decades he sponsored TNT and *Petit Jean* yearbook, which won All-American awards 29 times while under his direction.

He was Harding's faculty representative to the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference for 31 years and sponsored Alpha Chi, which he served as national secretary treasurer from 1970 to 1983 and executive director from 1983 to 1993. He also worked with Camp Wyldewood, Southern Christian Home, Zambia Christian Schools and many academic organizations.

Many honors and awards rightfully came his way. He was the University's Distinguished Alumnus in 1974. He received the Dean of Deans Award from the Christian College Deans in 1982. In 1990 he was elected to the Harding Athletics Hall of Fame and the NAIA Hall of Fame. He was in several listings of Who's Who.

Joe loved College Church of Christ and served as deacon and elder. He was faithful and loyal to God and his people and always demonstrated great integrity. He will be greatly missed, but his spirit will live on in our lives and in the University. God hasn't made many like him, but we pray that he will send us more humble servants in the likeness of Joseph E. Pryor. **H**

Pryor died Oct. 27, 2006. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Bessie Mae Ledbetter ('46); a son, Joseph Byron ('92); two daughters, Beverly Jo Pryor ('76) and Susan Hodges ('82); and a granddaughter. (17 Magnolia, Searcy, AR 72143)

“My long association with Dr. Pryor kept alive my faith in human nature. If ever I doubted that good existed in the world, one thought of Dr. Pryor renewed my faith. If ever I became discouraged by hypocrisy in religion, I knew that one true Christian lived: Joe Pryor.**”**

— Barbara Clark, former Alpha Chi National Council member



1974 Completing 30 years of service, Pryor was named Distinguished Alumnus.



Board extends Burks' contract

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES voted unanimously at its semiannual meeting to continue the contract of President David B. Burks until 2013.

The announcement came Oct. 31 from Don Shores of Cave Springs, Ark., then chairman of the board.

Burks, 63, has been president of the institution since 1987. He is only the fourth individual to serve in this role.

"The board feels that Dr. Burks has done a tremendous job as president and feels strongly that he should continue for many years in the future," said Shores. "We are pleased to extend his contract until he reaches age 70. We greatly value the leadership he has provided as president for the past 20 years.

"Harding has experienced unprecedented growth during this administration. Enrollment has risen from 2,767 in 1986 to 6,108 in the fall of 2006. More than \$124 million in construction and renovation projects have been completed," Shores added. "Endowment has grown from \$22 million to more than \$103 million."

Shores also cited the growth of academic programs during Burks' presidency. Included were six new international programs, plus satellite campuses in North Little Rock and Bentonville, Ark.

Under Burks' leadership, the Stephens Scholarship Program was developed, the McNair Scholars Program was begun, and significant increases in undergraduate research through consortiums were initiated. The Honors College has expanded, and a curriculum was added in Physician Assistant Studies.

New degrees added during his tenure include bachelor of science degrees in electrical, mechanical and computer en-

gineering; the master of science in marriage and family therapy; the master of business administration; and the doctorate in ministry. This fall, the University plans to begin offering the Pharm.D. degree.

Burks recently completed a six-year term as a trustee for the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities, serving as chairman in 2002. He continues to serve the association as a consultant evaluator.

In other board news, elections held at the October meeting resulted in the following executive committee: Harry B. Risinger Jr. of Millington, Tenn., chairman; John O. Simmons of Columbia, Tenn., vice chairman; Jim Bill McInteer of Nashville, Tenn., secretary; and Paul R. Carter of Bentonville, Ark., treasurer.

Redesigned logo revealed

CONTINUING THE PROCESS OF updating its graphic identity, the University recently unveiled a new logo — one that reflects the latest changes on campus.

The logo comprises both a wordmark and graphic mark. The wordmark remains the same; however, the new graphic mark showcases the renovated and expanded American Heritage Center.

Several versions are available for use on University publications. The graphic mark may be used either centered above the wordmark, to the left or stand-alone. The logo may also be used along with the University motto, "faith, learning & living."

The retired emblem mirrored the Administration Building, for years the center of campus life.

The new graphic mark was designed by Harding Creative Inc. of Memphis, Tenn.



Jeffrey L. Hearn, James D. Holsombake and Danny Hawk

Trustees add three new members

DANNY HAWK OF RICHARDSON, Texas; Jeffrey L. Hearn of Harrison, Ark.; and James D. Holsombake of Panama City, Fla., have been named to the Board of Trustees. The decision was made at the semiannual meeting May 12.

Hawk is an independent automobile dealer in Plano, Texas. He spent many years in full-time ministry, serving most of that time as pulpit minister for Northside Church of Christ in Dallas. He continues to preach and speak at churches around Texas. He is active in several organizations that provide training and scholarships to those who want to become preachers.

He holds the bachelor of science and master of science degrees from Abilene Christian University. He and his wife, Karen, have a son who is a student at the University. Hawk serves as an elder at Waterview Church of Christ.

Hearn, an alumnus holding the bachelor of business administration degree, is chairman of the board of The North Star Companies, a diversified holding company of 19 different franchises and companies. He opened his first H&R Block office in 1985 in Harrison, Ark., and has now purchased or opened 14 additional offices in Arkansas, Colorado and Missouri.

He has served or is currently serving on numerous boards and councils including

Sanctuary Inc. (a home for battered women), Boone County Farm Bureau, and Kiwanis Club. He also serves on the President's Council and University Builder's Club. He and his wife, Cyndie, have two children. Hearn is a deacon at Northside Church of Christ in Harrison.

Holsombake is a general contractor and developer who has been self-employed for 22 years. His civic involvement includes memberships on the board of directors at Coastal Community Bank and the President's Council. He also serves as chairman of the Boys and Girls Club of Bay County capital campaign and is a foundation member of Gulf Coast Community College.

He received the bachelor of science degree from Louisiana State University. He and his wife, Marsha, have two daughters who are alumnae and a son who currently attends the University. Holsombake serves as an elder at Jenks Avenue Church of Christ in Panama City.

Two current board members, James Russell Burcham of Kennett, Mo., and Roy H. Sawyer of Sardis, Miss., changed to senior status at the May meeting. As senior members, they attend meetings and make comments, but they do not vote.

Hawk, Hearn and Holsombake attended their first meeting in October.

Finley assistant vice president for adult education

DR. TONY FINLEY, DEAN OF the Cannon-Clary College of Education, has been named assistant vice president for Adult and Extended Education, effective Jan. 1.

Reporting to the vice president for academic affairs, Finley's duties include developing, managing and staffing the Center for Adult and Extended Education and advancing the role the University plays in degree completion and other adult educational markets. Finley retains his current title as dean of education and continues to lead that program.

In conjunction with the change, Dr. Donny Lee has been named assistant dean for the Cannon-Clary College of Education. He serves under Finley, assuming some of the responsibilities for directing and managing the undergrad-

uate and graduate programs.

Said Dr. Larry Long, vice president for academic affairs, "I believe that both of these appointments will serve Harding and our students in important ways. Dr. Finley is a proven leader and an innovator of educational programs. I am looking for him to help develop our outreach to the adult and nontraditional educational market.

"Dr. Lee has contributed a great deal to the work of the College of Education and came to Harding with an outstanding record of leadership. Both will help us continue our tradition of excellence while providing vision for the future."

The degree completion program allows students who have completed 60 or more hours of college credit and are 23 years or older to finish their undergraduate studies. The program's intensive and accelerated track allows completion in a shorter time than normal.



Dr. Tony Finley



Dr. Donny Lee

Thompson national education fellow

DR. LINDA THOMPSON, DIRECTOR of the McNair Scholars Program, was inducted Oct. 19 as a Fellow of the American Council of Developmental Education Association. The organization is a collaboration of five professional groups whose members are involved in the fields of developmental education and learning assistance.

The criteria for the award are based on the nominee's



Dr. Linda Thompson

contribution to the fields and include scholarship, leadership and service. Nominees have served as officers in their regional chapters and/or at the national level, have published in the areas of developmental education and learning assistance, and have presented at regional and national conferences.

"The ACDEA fellows are a select group who are highly respected in our profession," said Hilda Barrow, president of the National Association of Developmental Education, the organization that made the announcement of Thompson's selection for induction.

"Linda is a dedicated woman, committed to her students and to our work. Her work with NADE has been exemplary as has been her service to Harding University through her many roles in student development and her involvement with campus activities on several levels."

Thompson has served as president of ArkADE, co-chair of the 1996 NADE Conference, and NADE president in 2000-01. "Her presentations at chapter and national conferences have been impressive

and represent a wide knowledge of our field and our students' needs," Barrow said.

Most recently, Thompson has served as review coordinator for NADE's Certification Council. The goal of this NADE initiative is to train individuals in evaluation and assessment and to certify programs in two- and four-year institutions.

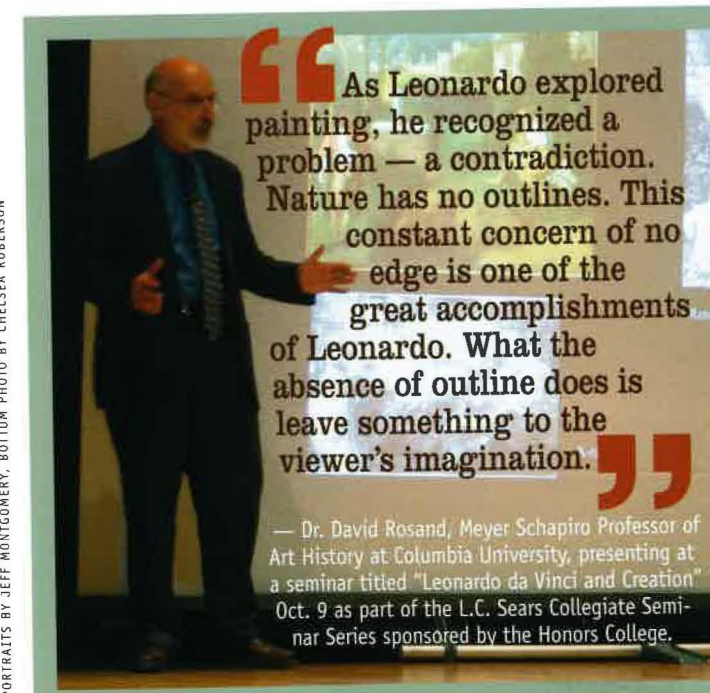
"Linda's contribution to this effort has been invaluable," Barrow said. "Personally, I feel honored to know Linda as a colleague and a friend. She is the very essence of what our profession is all about."

New admissions site unveiled

A NEW ADMISSIONS WEB SITE has made it even easier for prospective students to learn about the University, contact their admissions advisers with questions, and apply online. According to Glenn Dillard, assistant vice president for enrollment management, 1,207 applications for fall 2007 have already been received, 94 more than this time last year.

Says Dr. Jim Carr, executive vice president, "It is my strong belief that prospective students and their parents are looking for institutions today that offer value and values. I believe that Harding University offers the best value in all of higher education, which is outstanding quality at a very reasonable price. When combined with the terrific financial value, the values the University supports — faith, freedom, family, academic excellence, integrity — indeed make it a special place. When one is aware of these attributes, it is no surprise that applications continue to grow at such a rapid rate."

Students are encouraged to visit www.harding.edu/admissions and make plans to attend Bison Daze Feb. 8-11.



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Art program offers European city, countryside

THIS SUMMER, ART STUDENTS seeking an international experience do not have to choose between a fast-paced urban locale and a remote rural setting — they can have both.

From sleek modern skyscrapers to lush fields of flowers, students from the Department of Art and Design will alternate between the two extremes in a pro-

Explains Greg Clayton, co-director and associate professor of art, “We want to repeatedly ask, ‘How have peoples past and present expressed their beliefs through form and imagery, and how can I better express and share my own faith and values through the talents I have been given?’”

The art department’s first discipline-specific semester abroad was held summer 2005 at the University’s villa in Florence. Clayton and Schoen are excited about the

Hohenwald, Tenn., were recognized for their service to education at the University and Greater Atlanta Christian Schools, as well as their involvement with international campaigns and missions.

Inspirational writer and speaker Sandra Humphrey of Mount Juliet, Tenn., was honored for her role as editor of *Christian Woman* magazine from 1984 to 2006.

Lona Mae James of Kennett, Mo., received the award for lifetime service to the church as a Bible class teacher for 84 years. She has worked as manager and cook at Bootheel Youth Camp and was a leader in forming the Dorcas benevolence program.

For their many years of service on behalf of campus ministry at University of Arkansas, Scott and Denise Karnes of Fayetteville, Ark., were honored. Scott is campus minister for North Street Church of Christ.

Dr. Lew and Sue Moore of Searcy, Ark., were cited for their service in the church. Lew has served as chairman of the University’s Marriage and Family Therapy program since its inception. He also serves as director of the Counseling Center.

Garry and Marilyn Neal of Sherwood, Ark., were recognized for their leadership at Levy Church of Christ in North Little Rock, Ark., where Garry is a preacher and elder. The Neals helped establish River City Ministry, a community outreach program.

For his many years of service to young people as editor of *Teenage Christian* magazine and as a minister, Jim Pounders, of Nashville, Tenn., received the award.

David and Linda Smith of Little Rock, Ark., were honored for their service to Pleasant Valley Church of Christ. They have encouraged medical students and mis-

sionary endeavors.

The Tammany Oaks Church of Christ in Mandeville, La., was honored for members’ efforts to coordinate Hurricane Katrina relief work with churches of Christ across the United States.

Senior involvement initiated

THE UNIVERSITY’S INSTITUTE for Church & Family has begun a senior outreach named Abundant Living. The goal is to include Christian seniors in more ministry efforts in their congregations and throughout the country.

Says Kay Gowen, director of senior outreach, “With seniors living longer and being more active than ever before, the next 20 years will see an incredible increase in the percentage of church members who are 55 and older.

“Christian seniors make up between one-fourth and one-half of our churches, yet many have stepped aside to make room for younger, more educated members. Many have felt pushed aside and disregarded.”

Abundant Living is pursuing partnerships with several programs that have connections with Christian seniors, including Christian college lectureships, elderhostels and retirement villages, as well as such organizations as Sojourners, Let’s Start Talking Ministry, Christian Care Centers, and Pruett Gerontology Center at Abilene Christian University.

Immediate plans include beginning a yearly rotating seminar, which will launch in Branson, Mo., in October and a quarterly magazine.

For more information, please contact Gowen at (501) 279-4660 or visit www.churchandfamily.net.

International program slated for Zambia

BEGINNING IN FALL 2007, THE University will launch its seventh international studies program, this time in Zambia, Africa.

The selected site — the Namwianga Mission in Kolomo, Zambia — operates an elementary, junior high and high school; a teachers college; a medical clinic; an orphanage; a home for “street kids”; and a working farm that feeds all students. The site was chosen after Dr. Jeffrey T. Hopper, dean of International Programs, and Dr. Monte Cox, director of the Center for World Missions, participated in a survey trip this summer of Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania and Zambia.

The Namwianga Mission board unanimously approved the University’s proposed partnership Sept. 30, and Hopper and Cox presented the new program to the student body in chapel Oct. 2.

“Student response to the announcement of this program has been overwhelming, more convincing than for any other new program we have begun,” Hopper said.

The program’s emphasis is health care missions, and goals include increasing the number of students who

serve as long-term medical, nursing or allied health care missionaries; teaching community health to students; and teaching and administering preventative health care to local patients and families.

“We believe that the Harding student body contains some of the most socially conscious and self-sacrificing individuals,” added Hopper. “The program in Zambia offers a focused outlet for these students to hone their skills and nurture what we hope will be a lifelong commitment to service in developing nations.”

Zambia is one of the most politically stable countries in Africa; its 73 different ethnic groups live side by side peacefully. Common childhood diseases such as measles, malnutrition and diarrhea contribute to an infant mortality rate of 89 per 1,000. Malaria, pneumonia and AIDS are major health problems among adults, with an estimated 17 percent living with HIV/AIDS.

“I suspect after spending three months in the heart of Africa, you will never be the same,” Cox told students in chapel. “There are so many ways to serve — concentrated on one compound.”

Though the semester in Zambia is targeted toward nursing, premedical, physician assistant and pharmacy students, it also offers practi-

cal benefits for other students. The College of Business Administration offers a degree in health care management, and Dean Bryan Burks has encouraged all students to participate in the new program because an understanding of globalization and an international worldview are critical for any area of business. College of Education Dean Tony Finley has told his students that they may apply the experience gained in cross-cultural education whether they teach in the United States or abroad.

Program prerequisites include an intensive two-week cross-cultural development course that trains students in intensive gardening, livestock management, water development and sanitation, appropriate technology, and primary health care, as well as Skills for Health Missions, a course designed to prepare an individual to function in a Third World mission health care setting.

Students will study the local tribal language, Chitonga, and interact with host families. They will tour South Africa, Kenya and Tanzania, as well as the Serengeti Plain, Mount Kilimanjaro, Victoria Falls and game parks.

In addition to hosting students, the campus will utilize the services of medical professionals, including physicians, physician assistants, nurses and nurse practitioners.

Unlike other International Programs, participation in the Zambia semester will be selective. After an open enrollment period, a committee will then choose 20 to 28 students from submitted applications.

For more information on the new program or any of the international studies programs, call Mary Lou Daugherty, administrative assistant for International Programs, at (501) 279-4529.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Department of English

Dr. Kathy Dillion, assistant professor, read “The Southern Mammy Image in *The Secret Life of Bees*: A Literary and Historical Analysis” at the Arkansas Philological Association meeting in Hot Springs Oct. 13-14. Dr. Terry Engel, assistant professor, read “Cormac McCarthy’s *No Country for Old Men*: Not Just a Thriller” at the same conference.

An article titled “Mad as the Devil but Smiling Sweetly: Repressed Female Anger in *Mansfield Park*” by Stephanie Eddleman, instructor, was published in the 2006 edition of *Persuasions: The Jane Austen Journal*. She presented the paper at the annual meeting of the Jane Austen Society of North America Oct. 27 in Tucson, Ariz.

Jonathan Reinhardt’s (’04) senior project, a paper titled “I Sing Perfect Meter: Bardic Voice in Dylan Thomas’ *Under Milk Wood* and the Arthurian Poems of Charles Williams” was published in the fall issue of *Philological Review*.

Department of Communication

Dr. Mike James, professor and chair, attended the 2007 National Association of Television Program Executives Conference as a NATPE Education Foundation Faculty Fellow Jan. 14-18 in Las Vegas.

COLLEGE OF BIBLE AND RELIGION

Dr. Carl Mitchell, professor of Bible, was a guest lecturer at St. Petersburg State University in Russia Oct. 30-Nov. 3. He lectured six hours daily with simultaneous Russian translation on the topic of Christian counseling at the school’s graduate Institute of Theology and Christian Ministry.

School of Biblical Studies

Five former directors were recognized at the annual Alumni and Friends Banquet Sept. 26. Close to 250 guests attended to honor Ed Sanders, Joe Jones, L.V. Pfeifer, Dr. Bill Lambert and Dr. Edward Myers.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Philip Brown, associate professor, and Bob Churchman, assistant professor, presented an effective learning strategies session titled “Using Case Studies in the Accounting Classroom: Tips and Techniques” at the American Accounting Association National Meeting in Washington, D.C., Aug. 4-7. >>



gram aptly titled *Cityscapes & Landscapes*.

The program begins with two weeks of intense study and research on campus, followed by nine weeks of travel through France and England, where students and faculty will journal, sketch, paint and photograph the busy streets and country scenery. They will also visit museums and other sites and closely examine architecture and design.

“London and Paris provide so much art, history, food and life that a traveler needs time in the country — with its relaxed pace and beautiful vistas — to give the mind time to think and absorb,” says program co-director Stacy Schoen, assistant professor of art. “Many of the 18-20th century artists we mention to our students expressed a need to leave the city and spent time in the countryside; many even had country homes and studios.”

Cityscapes and landscapes are both necessary for this program, which seeks to compare and contrast the attitudes, sources, forms and progression of the fine arts in comparison with and in contradistinction to the street arts of graphic and industrial design, fashion and pop culture.

opportunities this program can offer because it is not housed at any single location.

“We have access to a far broader range of art, design and culture — France and England have been tremendous sources of cultural, philosophical and political influence in recent centuries and are still quite influential today,” Clayton says. “Because of ongoing design in London and Paris, we will be able to see a much broader array of contemporary interiors, graphics, architecture, fashions and fine arts. Our intent is that this program be applicable to designers preparing to serve in the 21st century.”

Christian service honored at Lectureship 2006

PRESIDENT DAVID B. BURKS presented 10 Distinguished Christian Service Awards during Lectureship, Sept. 24-27.

Forrest Chapman of Hiawassee, Ga., received the award for 24 years as minister of North Avenue Church of Christ in Atlanta and 25 years of mission work in Canada, Romania and Trinidad.

Tom and Melody Eddins of

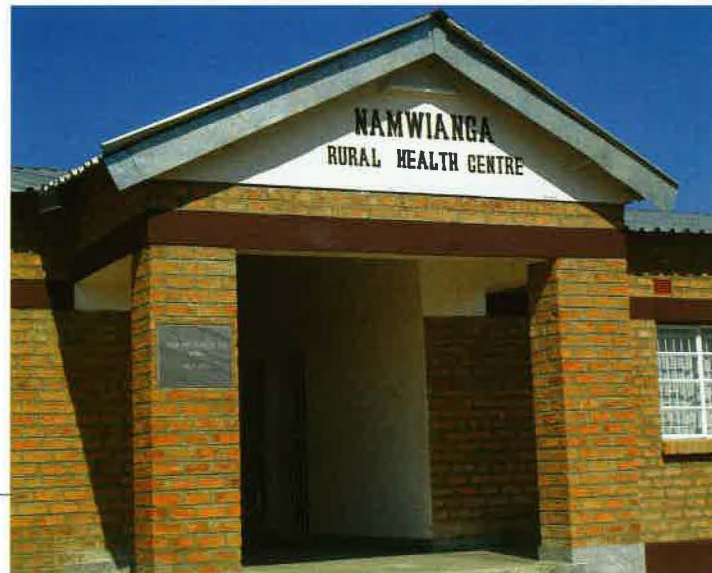


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ILLUSTRATION BY STACY SCHOEN

Nursing dean Certified Nurse Educator

DR. CATHLEEN SHULTZ, DEAN of the College of Nursing, has been designated a Certified Nurse Educator. Sponsored by the National League of Nursing, the honor is a mark of distinction for nursing faculty members.

The certification program began in September 2005. As of July 31, 2006, only 277 nurse educators have earned the CNE credential. Shultz is one of six nurses from Arkansas to have earned the certification.



Dr. Cathleen Shultz

Goals of the certification include distinguishing academic nursing education as a specialty area of practice; recognizing the knowledge, skills and abilities of nurse educators; and demonstrating a commitment to professional development, lifelong learning and nursing education as a career.

To be eligible, nurses must hold an active RN license, have earned a master's or doctoral degree in nursing, and have been a full-time employee for an academic institution for at least two years. Academic nurse educators who meet the criteria must then pass an exam to attain certification.

Shultz serves as treasurer for the National League of Nursing, the leading professional association for nursing education. Headquartered in New York, the organization has more than 1,200 member schools and 17,000 members. She serves on the board of directors for the Southern Council of Collegiate Education in Nursing, headquar-

tered in Atlanta. Shultz reviews manuscripts for the *Southern Online Journal of Nursing Research* and the *Journal of Professional Nursing*. She is a past president of the Arkansas Nurses' Association and Arkansas State Board of Nursing.

Academic quiz team successful in preseason

THERE IS NOTHING TRIVIAL about the reputation the University's Academic Quiz Team has earned among its collegiate competitors. The team holds a preseason record of 36-4 and is looking forward to the spring season with a chance to win the 2007 National Academic Quiz Tournament.

"We've got an outstanding team this year," said co-sponsor and Communication Department chair Mike James. "They have competed well against high-caliber competition."

The A Team comprises Andrew Ferren of North Little Rock, Ark.; Brett Keller of Searcy; Ben Lamb of Zionsville, Ind.; Jason Loy of Hot Springs, Ark.; Jordan Nester of Jacksonville, Fla.; and Grant White of Searcy. Only three to five members participate in each competition.

The team won first place in the University of Oklahoma Route 66 Tournament Sept. 30 in Norman, then finished first again at the University of Tulsa Invitational Oct. 14. It finished second overall and placed first in the D-2 Division at the 2006 Academic Competition Federation Tournament in Nashville, Tenn.

"This is the best preseason we've ever had," said Dr. Mark Elrod, political science professor and team co-sponsor. "It has given us a chance to improve and see where our weaknesses are."

Brackett librarians weigh in

Culture Smart!: A Quick Guide to Customs and Etiquette (A series in progress)
Reviewed by Shirley Williams, technical services librarian
Portland, Ore.: Graphic Arts Books

Is Mexico's Day of the Dead the same as Halloween in the United States? In China should Mr. Li's wife be addressed as Mrs. Li? Is it possible to visit a mosque in Turkey during prayer time?

Those going on vacation, participating in a campaign, studying abroad, or moving to a foreign country will find answers to these questions in *Culture Smart!* books, as well as the basic information needed upon arrival.

Concise and well-organized, each edition provides a quick guide to customs and etiquette of a particular country. The author is generally a foreigner (often British) who has lived in that country for a considerable time. Subjects include a brief history, geography, values and attitudes of the people, customs and traditions, social life, traveling, shopping, business briefing, and communication basics.

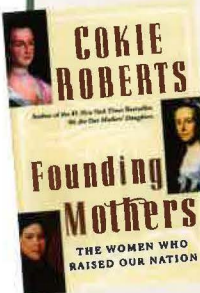
Treatment of the topics is balanced and reliable. If the author is British, explanations may vary from those that an American reader might expect. Also, English equivalents of foreign language sounds may be geared to the British pronunciation, some of which result in incorrect pronunciation when applied by the American speaker. The U.S. volume is a valuable resource for foreign students currently studying in this country.

Brackett Library plans to continue adding to this series as each volume is published.



Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation by Cokie Roberts

Reviewed by Ann Dixon, Brackett Library director
New York: HarperCollins Publishers Inc., 2004, 384 pages
Cokie Roberts has written a well-researched book from the papers of elite women who were contemporaries of and influential to our Founding Fathers. While men's correspondence was carefully preserved, often letters from women were destroyed, which made this task a challenge.



Founding Mothers tells stories, in their own words, of women who stayed behind to run family farms and businesses, of hardships during those days, and of love for family and devotion to the idea of a new government. These women were connected to each other through their letters even though they lived miles apart or served with their husbands overseas. Also interspersed in their reports of daily activities are thoughts on issues of the day.

One series of letters among several women promoted a collection for the relief of Continental Army soldiers, which raised more than \$300,000 in paper money, as well as disagreement with General Washington on how it should be spent.

At times, Roberts interjects her thoughts into the telling, but always with obvious appreciation of the women's roles. Ultimately, the reader will come away with a better understanding of the sacrifices involved in the founding of our country.



Breast cancer survivors Leah Burks, Teresa McLeod and Louise Ganus lead the stroll through the quadrangle.

Strolling for the Cure debuts

PINK GENERALLY IS CONSIDERED a spring color. Yet every October millions don the hue in support of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, many for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, which raises money to support breast cancer research.

Last fall the University did its part to help support the research by hosting the first-ever Strolling for the Cure fundraiser during Homecoming.

Liz Howell, director of alumni relations, came up with the idea following a visit to Princeton University, where she noticed several families walking around campus with strollers, and an alumni cruise in which the ship hosted a Cruising for the Cure benefit.

Wanting to offer an alternative to those unable to go to Little Rock for the Race for the Cure, Howell approached the Arkansas affiliate of the foundation with the idea and received approval.

"This was a simple, easy stroll," Howell explained. "You didn't have to be a runner, just a member of the community who cares about the issue and wants to make a difference."

The stroll was held Oct. 28. More than 100 individuals

participated in the event, and 28 registered as "virtual strollers," donating money although not able to be present.

"The funds that we raise from events like these are wonderful, and we put them to good use," said Sherrye McBryde, executive director of the Komen Foundation's Arkansas Affiliate. "But what we have found is that the awareness these events raise is equally important."

Louise Ganus, wife of former president Clifton L. Ganus, and Leah Burks, wife of current president David B. Burks, led the stroll through campus. Teresa McLeod, disabilities director, led the survivor group. All three are breast cancer survivors.

More than \$2,500 was raised, 75 percent of which remains in state for use in grants and education programs, while the other 25 percent goes to the national office for research grants.

"From many of those grants have come new techniques and new medicines," said McBryde. "I do believe one day we will find a cure."

To learn more about participating in next year's stroll, call the Office of Alumni Relations at (501) 279-4276.

Spring Sing celebrates connections

HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS WILL join under the theme "Camaraderie" for Spring Sing 2007, but not just because it is a favorite word of University President David B. Burks.

According to Spring Sing executive producer Steve Frye, "The theme is centered on the connections we make in life, the joy and excitement those bring, and the way the University makes it happen for thousands of people every year."

"One of the great joys of university life is finding lifelong friends — not just ones in class, but ones you live with every day of the week. Friends who share their lives, hopes and dreams. Friends who are more than names you have met, but people who have changed you forever. That is camaraderie. That is worth celebrating."

Four individuals will lead this year's production: sophomore hostess Elizabeth Harrell, a music major from Brentwood, Tenn.; third-year hostess Jillian Shackelford, a junior family and consumer sciences major from Bolivar, Tenn; sophomore host David Clayton, a music education major from Nashville, Tenn.; and second-time host Travis Wisely, a senior middle-level math and science major from St. Louis, Mo.

The production will run April 5-7. Showtimes are 7 each evening with a 3 p.m. matinee April 7. Tickets are \$10 April 5 and \$12 for all other shows. Additionally, "The Tavern" will be performed in the Administration Auditorium April 6 at 7 p.m. and April 7 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5. You may purchase tickets online at www.hardingtickets.com or by phone at (501) 279-4255.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION *continued*

Brown, director of the accounting program, also had a research article, "Ethical Exemplification and the AICPA Code of Professional Conduct: An Empirical Investigation of Auditor and Public Perceptions," published in the October 2006 *Journal of Business Ethics*.

In addition, Ohio Valley University honored Brown during its homecoming Oct. 28 as the 2006 Medal of Merit in Business recipient.

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Cheryl Lee, assistant professor, received the Ph.D. in nursing from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in December. Her dissertation was titled "Health Promotion Behaviors of Older Spousal Caregivers: A Comparison of Rural and Urban Women."

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

Department of Behavioral Sciences

Dr. **Kenneth Hobby**, professor, made a presentation titled "Recognition of Malingering and Measures to Detect It" at the Arkansas Psychology Consortium Workshop Nov. 4 at St. Vincent Hospital in Little Rock.

Department of Computer Science

An article co-authored by **Frank McCown**, instructor, titled "Search Engine Coverage of the OAI-PMH Corpus" appeared in the March/April 2006 issue of *IEEE Internet Computing*, published by the IEEE Computer Society. McCown is on leave pursuing the Ph.D. at Old Dominion University.

Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

Sharen Crockett, professor, and Dr. **Beth Wilson**, professor and chair, were co-presenters for two workshops at the Ninth Annual Northcentral Arkansas Child Care Conference Sept. 30 in Batesville: "Healthy Snacks — Healthy Kids" and "Emotions Matter: Fostering Emotional Competence in Young Children."

Department of Kinesiology

Greg Harris, instructor and head soccer coach, received the Ph.D. from the University of Louisiana at Monroe in August. His dissertation was titled "The Effects of Athletic Status and Gender on the Marital Satisfaction of the Collegiate Athlete and Non-athlete Couple."

POSTAL SERVICES

Randy Smith, formerly assistant director, has been named director.

Building on a standard of excellence

By DAVID CROUCH

SINCE TAKING OVER THE CROSS COUNTRY program in 2002, Steve Guymon has continued the Bisons' and Lady Bisons' tradition of achievement in running.

Much of his success can be attributed to his concern for his athletes. Guymon's runners know he cares about each of them as individuals and often turn to him for spiritual guidance. His wife and children also involve themselves with the teams, making them feel part of their family.

The results of these relationships have continued a winning legacy in cross country, further witnessed by an incredible 2006 season.

In his fifth year as head coach, Guymon led the Bison cross country squad to a sixth-place finish at the NCAA Division II national meet. Junior Julius Kosgei finished second in the meet and — along with junior Artur Kern, who finished 11th — earned All-America honors. Kosgei's time of 29:19.9 was just two seconds behind the winner of the event.

Other Bisons placing at the national meet in Pensacola, Fla., Nov. 18 were sophomore James Cheruiyot (50th), junior Przemek Bobrowski (87th) and junior Matt Cregger (91st). The team's sixth-place finish marked the fourth consecutive year the Bisons have finished in the top 10 nationally.

Tying the program's best mark ever, the Lady Bisons placed fifth at nationals, the third consecutive year the team has reached the top 10 nationally.

Sophomore standout Janee Jones was the Lady Bisons' top runner, finishing ninth and earning All-America honors. She earned her second All-America honor by beating last year's 13th-place finish at nationals.

In addition to Jones, three other Lady Bisons finished in the top 50. Junior Savita Chelimo finished 38th, junior Kalina Szteyn, 41st, and senior Jessica Fisher, 46th. Senior Mary Brown was the team's fifth runner, finishing 104th.

Impressive wins at conference and NCAA regional meets would pave the way for the teams to qualify for the 2006 national meet.

At the Gulf South Conference meet in Huntsville, Ala., Oct. 21, the Bisons ran away with the seventh consecutive GSC title as all seven Bison runners finished in the top 23. Kern won the race followed by Cheruiyot (third), Kosgei (fourth), Bobrowski (sixth) and Cregger (eighth).

The Lady Bisons were equally impressive at the GSC meet, winning their second consecutive conference title. The women had five of the top six runners in the race, and all seven Lady Bisons finished in the top 10.


Jones won, followed by Chelimo (third), Fisher (fourth), senior Vicky Echeverria (fifth), Szteyn (sixth), Brown (eighth) and freshman Katy Grant (10th). Grant was named GSC Freshman of the Year.

At the NCAA II South Region meet in Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 4, the Bisons won their seventh-straight regional title to qualify for the national meet. The Lady Bisons handily won their second consecutive regional title with a score of 37 points. University of Tampa finished a distant second with 88.

The United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association named Kosgei NCAA II South Region Cross Country Athlete of the Year.

The organization also recognized Guymon as both Men's and Women's South Region Cross Country Coach of the Year. Likewise the GSC tabbed him Coach of the Year for both men's and women's teams.

While such accolades and honors prove his coaching know-how and earn him respect from the cross country world, Guymon's commitment to God and family inspires his runners. According to his teams, "Coach Guymon is a Christian before he is a coach." At the end of team meetings, he encourages his runners to have a spiritual mind-set followed by a running mind-set.

Judging by their finishes, his approach seems to be working. 

Sophomore Gosia Drakowska and Todd Jones, father of sophomore Janee Jones, review unofficial results at nationals with Steve Guymon.



PHOTO BY DAVID CROUCH

[ROUNDUP]

Football posts winning season

THE 2006 FOOTBALL TEAM FINISHED its third-straight winning campaign with a 6-4 overall mark and 5-3 in Gulf South Conference play.

Head coach Randy Tribble's squad opened with a 42-30 victory over Southwest Baptist University, setting a school record with 632 yards of total offense. The Bisons dropped their next two games to Missouri Southern University and No. 3 University of North Alabama before reeling off five consecutive wins. The team was in the NCAA Division II playoff picture until falling at Arkansas Tech and Ouachita Baptist universities to close the season.

The top performer was senior cornerback Robert Towns. He became the first Bison to earn All-America honors from Associated Press, American Football Coaches Association and Daktronics. Towns led the team and the GSC with eight interceptions, the most by a Bison since 1982.

Offensively, senior Kyle Wess became the first Bison to earn a GSC rushing title, averaging 91.5 rushing yards per game. Wess earned First Team All-GSC honors and Second Team All-Region honors.

Sophomore guard Ross Conn, senior defensive lineman Justin Currie, and junior linebacker Sevohn Greer also earned both All-GSC and All-Region honors.

Williams top scorer for men's soccer

THE MEN'S SOCCER TEAM COMPLETED ITS SEASON with a 3-13 overall record and a 1-5 mark in the Gulf South Conference. After dropping the first 11 games, the Bisons rebounded with three wins in the last five games. Junior forward Brock Williams led the team with 12 goals, the fourth-highest total in the GSC and by a Bison in a single season, earning Second Team All-GSC honors. Sophomore Chase Fowler was second in goals with six and led the squad with six assists.

Women's soccer makes GSC tourney

LADY BISON SOCCER WRAPPED UP its ninth season of intercollegiate competition with an 8-5-3 overall record. A five-game Gulf South Conference winning streak led to a 6-2-0 conference mark and the team's third GSC Tournament berth in four years. Juniors Lynsey Clissold and Kendyl Washburn led the team with seven goals each. Defensively, the Lady Bisons set a school record with a 0.90 goals-against average, leading to an All-Region honor for senior defender Emily Currie. Freshman midfielder Minnie Guzman also earned All-Region.

Volleyball perfect in conference

THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM ENDED ITS SEASON at the Gulf South Conference Tournament with two wins and a championship match appearance. The Lady Bisons finished the season 24-9 overall and had a perfect 12-win conference record. Three Harding players were named to the GSC All-Tournament Team — seniors Tiffany Morrison and Katie Westmoreland and junior Katelin Parks.

The Lady Bisons were the GSC-West Division champions for the fifth consecutive year and had four players with All-GSC honors. Sophomore Leah Tepe, Parks and Westmoreland were named first team, and Morrison was named second team. Tepe also earned All-Region honors. Head coach Keith Giboney led the team to its ninth-straight postseason appearance and garnered GSC-West Coach of the Year for the third consecutive year.

Three seniors earned numerous accolades. Morrison moved into the top 10 in Harding's career record book in 11 categories, including blocks, assists and kills. Westmoreland ended her career in second for career attack percentage (.322) and is in the top 10 in five other categories. Paige Good had 484 career digs and a .921 reception percentage this season.

Parks and junior Meredith Rosenbaum earned GSC-West Player of the Week honors with Rosenbaum earning the title three times.

Tepe set career and season records for assists per game and also earned GSC-West Player of the Week.

Freshman Manuela Nesheva made her mark setting the team's record for service aces in a season (69).

The Lady Bisons set team records for hitting percentage (.251) and assists per game (15.11).



Junior Devin Link

For the latest sports information, visit www.hardingsports.com.

PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY

HALL *of* FAME

adds 10

By SCOTT GOODE, sports information director

Photos by CRAIG RAINBOLT

THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS UNIVERSITY HONOR a former athlete can receive is an invitation from the Bison Boosters into the Athletics Hall of Fame. On Oct. 21, 10 new members were inducted during a ceremony at the American Heritage Center Founders Room. ■ This year's inductees represented football, men's and women's basketball, baseball, track, golf, and cross country athletes, as well as coaches, administrators and distinguished alumni. The pool included two women and eight men: Jack Barber, Jess Bucy, Bernie Cox, Angie Fouts Dugger, Greg Harnden, Thad Hill, Jon Newby, Marty Ninemire, Hubie Smith and Kelsie Hutchison Turley. New members are selected every five years. ■ The hall currently includes 59 individuals. **H**

HARDING *Hall of Fame*

JACK BARBER

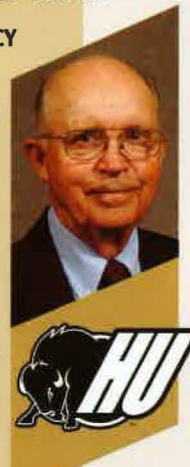
Two-time First Team All-AIC (1973, 1974) ▶ Led AIC in 1973 in receptions, receiving yards and scoring ▶ One of only two Bisons with more than 1,000 career rushing yards and 1,000 career receiving yards ▶ Career stats: 198 rushes for 1,161 yards and 11 touchdowns; 64 receptions for 1,165 yards and eight touchdowns; 34 punt returns for 299 yards (8.8 average); six kickoff returns for 118 yards (19.7 average)



HARDING *Hall of Fame*

JESS BUCY

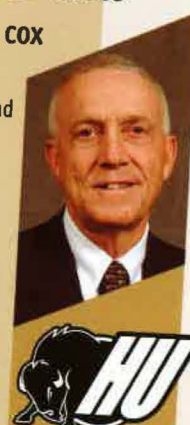
Head men's basketball coach from 1969-90 ▶ Leads Bison basketball coaches with 262 career wins ▶ Led Bisons to NAIA national tournament in 1986-87 ▶ Head baseball coach (1994-96) ▶ Compiled second-best winning percentage of Harding's eight head baseball coaches



HARDING *Hall of Fame*

BERNIE COX

Head football coach at Little Rock, Ark., Central High School since 1975 ▶ Seven state championships (1975, 1978, 1980, 1981, 1986, 2003, 2004) ▶ 17 conference championships, 20 playoff appearances ▶ Ranks in top five all-time in victories by an Arkansas high school football coach, 259 through Sept. 29 ▶ Lettered 1962-65



HARDING *Hall of Fame*

MARTY NINEMIRE

1982 and 1984 First Team All-GSC ▶ Fifth all-time career batting average with .343 ▶ Hit .417 in 1984, third-highest single-season batting average in University history ▶ His .473 on-base percentage in 1984 ranks 10th in a single season ▶ Struck out only six times in 93 plate appearances in 1984 ▶ Career stats: .343 average, two home runs, 56 RBIs in 87 games



HARDING *Hall of Fame*

HUBIE SMITH

1983 First Team All-AIC in basketball ▶ University's career assist leader (544), third in assists per game (4.8) ▶ Ranks sixth in career free throw percentage (83.8) ▶ Career stats: 12.2 points per game, 4.8 assists per game ▶ Men's coaching record: 440-190 (.698) in 19 seasons ▶ Won Tennessee AAA State Championship at Bartlett High School in 2001



HARDING *Hall of Fame*

KELSIE HUTCHISON
TURLEY

Four-time All-AIC in cross country, won individual title in 1990 ▶ All-America in the mile in 1991 and the distance medley relay in 1992 ▶ Won 1,500-meter race and 1,600-meter relay at 1992 AIC meet



HARDING *Hall of Fame*

ANGIE FOUTS DUGGER

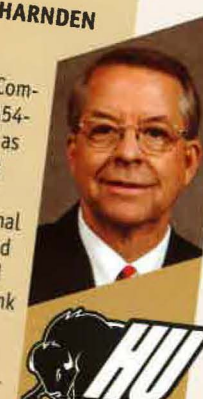
Three-time women's basketball NAIA All-America (1995, 1996, 1997) ▶ 1996 First Team All-Region, 1995 First Team All-District and First Team All-AIC ▶ Career leader in scoring (2,369), scoring average (19.0), field goals made (902), field goal percentage (53.8), free throws made (522), rebounds (1,237), rebounding average (9.9) ▶ Top 10 in assists and steals



HARDING *Hall of Fame*

GREG HARNDEN

Compiled a 154-90 career record as head women's basketball coach from 1989-97 ▶ Led Lady Bisons to NAIA national tournaments in 1995-96 and 1996-97 ▶ His 154 wins and .631 winning percentage rank as top marks for Harding women's basketball coaches ▶ Overseen dramatic improvements to Rhodes Field House, First Security Stadium and Jerry Moore Field as athletic director



HARDING *Hall of Fame*

THAD HILL

1993 NAIA Second Team All-America as tight end ▶ 1993 and 1994 First Team All-AIC ▶ Career stats: 76 receptions, 882 yards and six touchdowns ▶ Led Bisons in receptions (35) and ranked second in receiving yards (404) in 1993 ▶ Second in receptions (29) and third in receiving yards (234) in 1994



HARDING *Hall of Fame*

JON NEWBY

1993 First Team NAIA All-America as defensive back ▶ Three-time First Team All-AIC (1991, 1992, 1993) ▶ Career football stats: 221 tackles (6.9 tackles per game), 28 passes defended, 11 interceptions, 13 punt returns for 133 yards ▶ All-AIC hurdler in 1992 ▶ Won 400 meter hurdles at 1991 AIC meet ▶ Broke school record in 400 hurdles (52.9) and earned All-America honors in 1991 and 1992

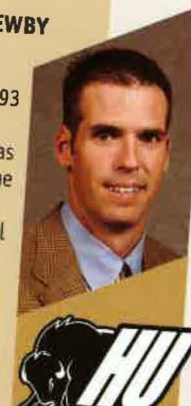




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From his HEART & MIND

My name ... James S. Bury

College ... Bible and Religion

Area of expertise ... specifically, 1 Corinthians 7:17-24 since that is the focus of my dissertation; generally, the letters of the Apostle Paul

Teaching motto ... remember what it's like not to understand; consider what it's like not to care

Greatest challenge ... to help students see that getting the right answer is not enough — just like in math, they need to be able to “show their work”

First job ... playing drums in a band, having more fun and making more money than most jobs for a high school student

Favorite escape ... browsing in bookstores and thrift stores or taking a long, unhurried drive so I can stop and enjoy interesting things along the way such as ... bookstores and thrift stores

Vacation destination ... my best “vacation” was a year teaching at Pepperdine; I didn't want to live there, but California is a great place to visit

Hobby ... collecting records ... My interest increased after overhearing a little boy at a garage sale say, “Hey Dad, black CDs!”

Actor of choice ... I'll go with my Mom's favorite and my namesake, Jimmy Stewart

Music I listen to over and over ... *Tigerlily* by Natalie Merchant

Last book I read ... *Rhetoric at the Boundaries: The Art and Theology of New Testament Chain-link Transitions* by Bruce W. Longenecker

If I weren't teaching ... I'm not sure, but I scored very high on the aptitude test for dress code enforcement

Favorite Bible character ... Barnabas — everybody needs encouraging

I knew I wanted to teach ... when I began admiring my favorite professors more than my favorite musicians

Finest moment ... of many with my daughter, Melinda, the finest was the privilege of baptizing her

Goal for my students ... to let the character, conduct and concerns of Christ define their own

Inspiration ... “Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is praiseworthy or excellent — think about such things” (Philippians 4:8)



Educating
HEART & MIND

THE HEART OF CAMPUS



Surprise is evident on the faces of Lois and Don Shores after the announcement that their children had remodeled the presidential suite in their honor.



Graciously Bonnie Cone Hooper accepts flowers from President David Burks. Hooper shared her late husband's vision for the facility that is now completed.

By JENNIFER L. MARCUSSEN

Photos by JEFF MONTGOMERY and CRAIG RAINBOLT

AFTER ALMOST TWO YEARS OF CONSTRUCTION, THE ADDITION and renovation to the American Heritage Center reached completion in August 2006, offering a first-class facility of both form and function. The \$8.8 million project added 35,000 square feet to the structure, including new banquet and conference rooms, a chapel, and staff offices.

During a special ceremony Oct. 27 during Homecoming festivities, the chapel was dedicated to a couple whose vision and support helped make the dream possible: the late James Cone and Bonnie Cone Hooper.

Said Hooper, "James Cone loved Harding very much. His love and devotion came just after his love for God, his church and his immediate family. He was pleased that he had known and respected all of her presidents.

"My wish to those who will use this beautiful room in the years to come is that it will cause them to love and appreciate Harding as much as James did. ... He wanted the teachers to be the best that they could be. He wanted the students to give their lives to God. His desire for this school's graduates was to work for and serve people everywhere to the best of their ability and to the glory of God."

Former chairman of the board of trustees Don Shores and his wife, Lois, were also recognized during the ceremony with the presidential suite named in their honor. This was done at the request of their children, whose generosity furnished the remodeled offices.

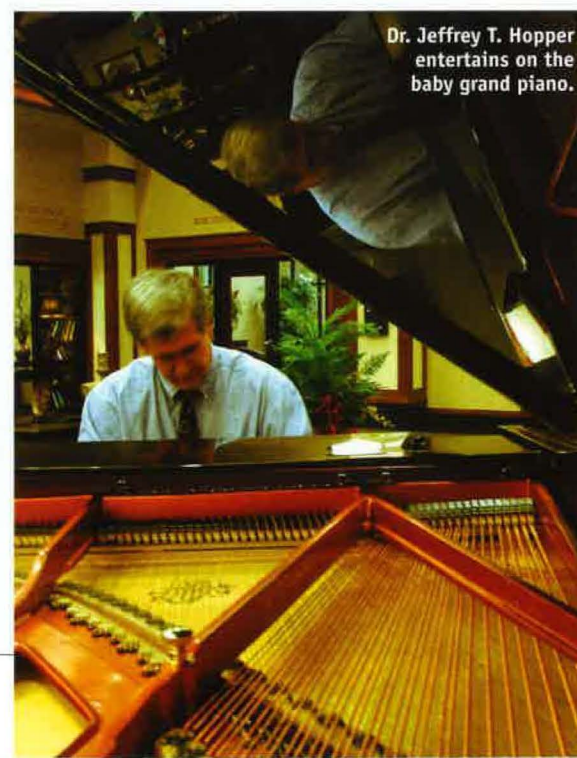
The following pages give a pictorial overview of the new facility. As President David B. Burks said during the dedication, "The best way for you to understand this project is to simply look at it." >>



Cone Chapel



Heritage lobby



Dr. Jeffrey T. Hopper entertains on the baby grand piano.

HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS

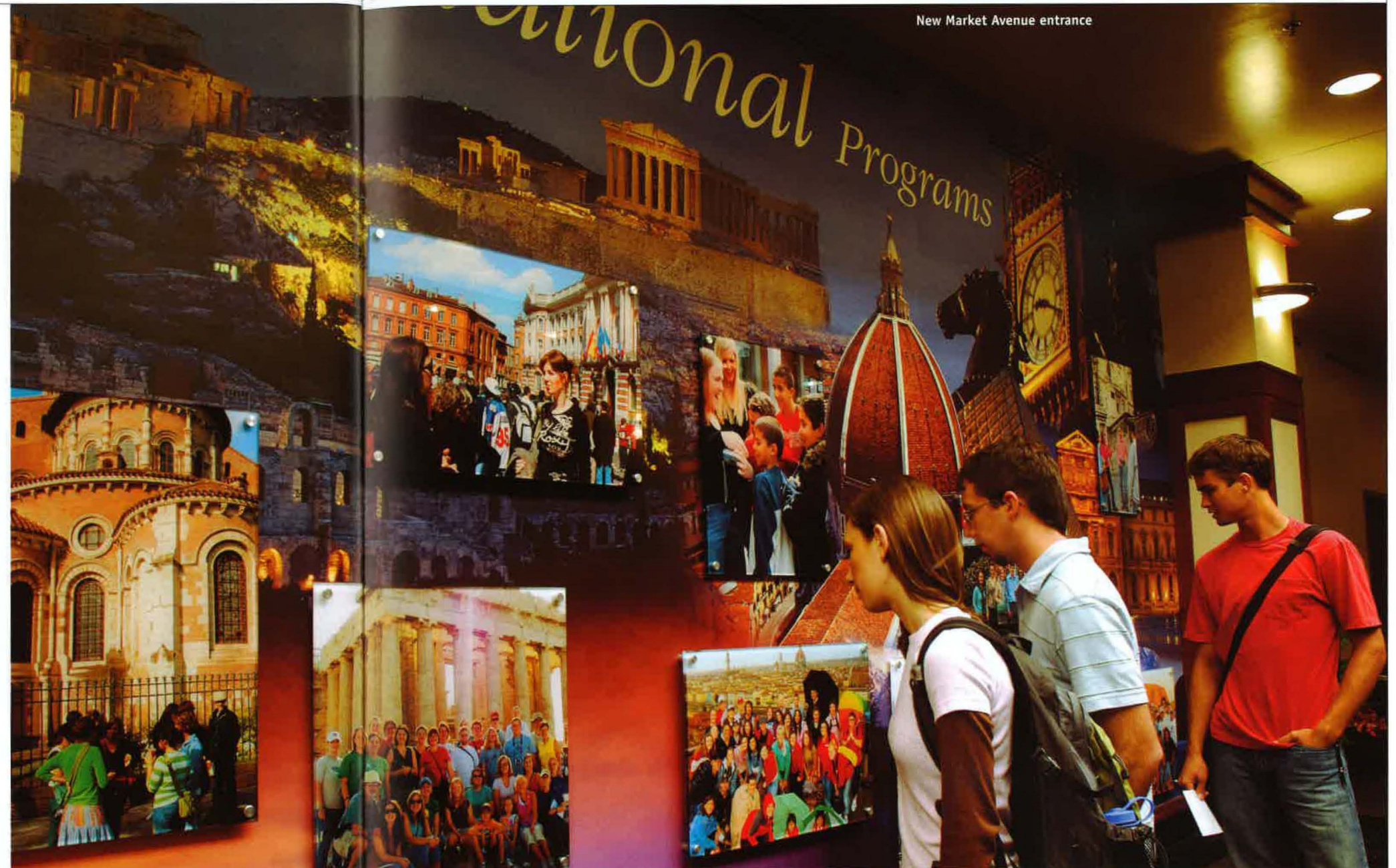
- ▶ The south entrance, with scripture-referenced waterfalls and globe, represents the University's desire to educate both the heart and mind of students.
- ▶ The grand staircase showcases the spaciousness of the lobby and allows easy access to the second level.
- ▶ With Student Financial Services, Alumni and Parent Relations, Public Safety, and Admissions Services all located on the ground level, parents of current and prospective students have a one-stop location for answers to their questions.
- ▶ Cone Chapel, a multipurpose room that holds 300, provides a spectacular view of the front lawn, and its elegant layout makes it perfect for receptions and weddings.
- ▶ The third and fourth floors constitute Heritage Inn, which offers campus guests 48 hotel rooms and two suites at reasonable rates.

KNOW YOUR HERITAGE

Original construction date: July 1965
 Original size: 83,000 square feet
 Original cost: \$1.25 million
 First renovation and cafeteria addition: 1987
 Second-floor addition: 1994
 Expansion completion date: August 2006
 Size of addition: 35,000 square feet
 Cost of addition: \$8.8 million
 Architects: Steelman, Connell & Moseley
 General contractor: James H. Cone Inc.



Quadrangle entrance



New Market Avenue entrance



Heritage Inn front desk



Grand staircase and seal

Reba Faye Sloan, M.P.H., L.R.D., FAED

Professional registrations and affiliations

- ▶ Registered by the American Dietetic Association
- ▶ Licensed dietitian/nutritionist in Tennessee
- ▶ Fellow of the Academy of Eating Disorders

Achievements

- ▶ Biography listed in *Who's Who in Medicine and Health Care*, *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*, *Who's Who of American Women*, *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in the World*
- ▶ Designed The New Mademoiselle Diet for Women Only published in *The Mademoiselle Shape-up Book*
- ▶ Registered in the Leader's Fellowship of the YMCA as a nutrition consultant

Memberships

- ▶ American Dietetic Association
- ▶ Nashville District Dietetic Association
- ▶ Academy for Eating Disorders
- ▶ Eating Disorders Coalition of Tennessee
- ▶ American College of Sports Medicine
- ▶ American Running and Fitness Association
- ▶ Sports, Cardiovascular and Wellness Nutritionists
- ▶ Entrepreneurial Nutritionists
- ▶ Vegetarian Nutritionists
- ▶ National Association for Christian Recovery



Triumphing OVER eating disorders

Reba Sloan uses personal experience to help others win the battle

By JENNIFER L. MARCUSSEN

Photos by JEFF MONTGOMERY

NUTRITION THERAPIST REBA LEWIS ('77) SLOAN sits in a classroom among a group of mothers with their brows furrowed in concern. One wants to know how to limit her daughter's snacking. Another is unsure how to tell her stepdaughter she needs to lose weight. Still another does not know how to handle the different metabolisms of her twin sons.

However, these are not parents of older teenagers or even middle school students; these are parents of elementary school students. Are they overzealous? Worried too soon? Not when third-graders are comparing Body Mass Indexes on the playground and planning diets. "I'm seeing younger and younger children with these problems," Sloan reveals to her worried audience.

Eating disorders are beginning earlier and earlier among children — and not just girls. But more than the statistics, Sloan knows because she's been there, and because of her struggle has dedicated her professional life to the prevention and treatment of eating disorders.

"At 13, I was quite overweight," she explains. "But I had always been jolly and happy-go-lucky. It changed when I became interested in boys." Boys liked her skinny blond friend. Sloan had a boy who was a friend, but not a "boyfriend" — a big difference at age 13. "So in my mind," she says, "He and I were friends, but if I got thin, then he would like me."

So she began a diet of hamburger patties and green beans and lost weight — too much weight — and developed anorexia nervosa. No one understood why because she was an all-around good student and daughter. "Anorexia is the good-girl's eating disorder," she says. When her weight hit 86 pounds, she was sent to the Mayo Clinic. "There really was no help back then," she says. "We didn't really talk about it."

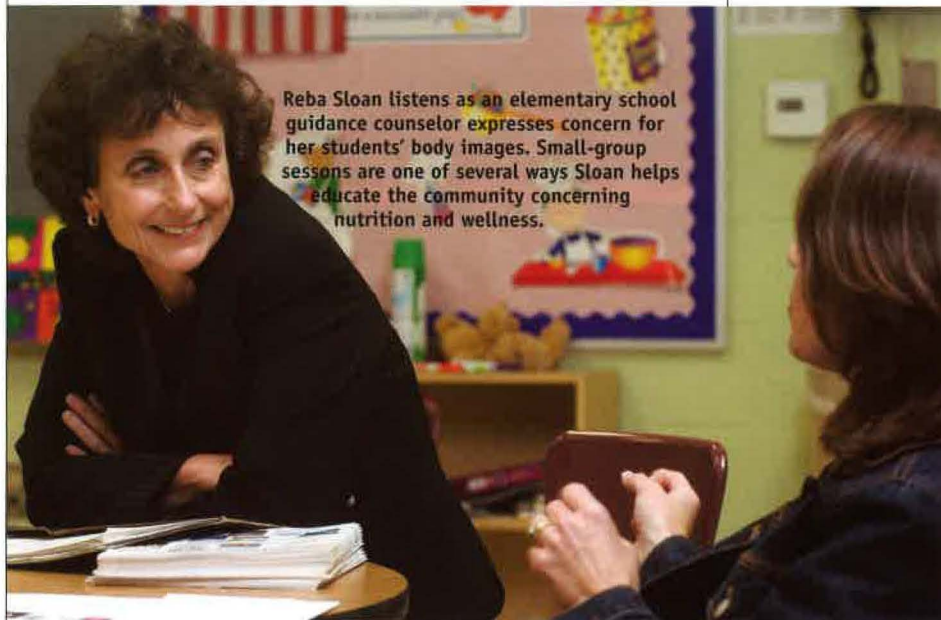
After six weeks there with little treatment or progress, she met a young dietitian with whom she developed a friendship. "She came to me and said, 'You think you know everything just because you can count calories.'"

She then shared with Sloan some of the research and facts being discovered about disordered eating, finally telling her, "You might as well become a dietitian." And at 13, Sloan decided to do just that. >>

Might as well be a dietitian

She entered the University in 1973 as a dietetics major. At that time, most students who chose this major would become educators, not therapists. Sloan heard no discussion of eating disorders among friends at the University — nor was there much talk across the nation in general.

However, this time period saw a major shift in body image with the advent of such models as Twiggy filling the public's mind with unrealistic expectations. More than 30 years later, eating disorders are a nationwide epidemic affecting nearly 5 million individuals in the United States — impartial to age, race, sex or economic status.



Reba Sloan listens as an elementary school guidance counselor expresses concern for her students' body images. Small-group sessions are one of several ways Sloan helps educate the community concerning nutrition and wellness.

Thinking back, she tells of one student who exhibited all the signs. But no one ever said a word. Today, though, "Oprah has made it cool to talk about anything," Sloan says smiling.

After graduation, she completed her dietetics internship at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., during what she deems "the pioneer days" of treating eating disorders. She has remained in the city. She also completed a master of public health degree from Loma Linda University and advanced clinical training in child and adolescent obesity at the University of California-San Francisco School of Medicine.

Well-known and respected in her profession, she is often asked to speak in various forums such as clinics, seminars, and radio and TV shows. In June she was inducted as a fellow into the Academy of Eating Disorders during its yearly conference in Barcelona, Spain — an honor bestowed upon few worldwide.

She was also instrumental in beginning the Eating Disorders Coalition of Tennessee, which she has served as treasurer, president-elect and now, president. The coalition is a task force of both professionals and community members who want to educate, empower and support those affected by disordered eating.

An eclectic approach

Sloan's most intense work and greatest successes come from the individuals with whom she counsels. In her private practice, she sees 35 to 40 patients each week from all across Tennessee and nearby states. Approximately 10 percent are

male. Eighty-five percent are struggling with eating disorders, but she also teaches weight management for adults, teenagers and children and overall wellness nutrition.

Her philosophy gets to the core of the problem. "I try to steer away from the term 'eating disorders' and move toward 'disordered eating' and a 'nondiet approach,'" she explains. "Get the word 'diet' out of your vocabulary."

She does not treat disordered eating as an addiction. "You wouldn't tell a cocaine addict to learn to manage his drug use." And unlike alcoholics, who will have the disease or tendency their whole lives, an anorexic does not have to remain so his or her entire life.

Her treatment model follows a cognitive behavioral approach. Once the thoughts causing the issues with food are recognized, the patient replaces those thoughts with new behaviors. It sounds relatively simple, but finding these underlying issues is actually far more complex.

"Eating disorders have nothing to do with food, but everything to do with a disorder of self," says Sloan. Some want love, some acceptance; many want to fit a standard. Often food is an outlet for emotional needs not being met. And to others, disordered eating habits are passed on unintentionally.

Getting to the underlying cause allows the healing to begin, but by no means is the cure simple or overnight. "It can take anywhere from two to five to 10 years," Sloan says, explaining the subjective nature of the healing process. "A lapse never means collapse."

Just ask Ashley, a patient in her mid 20s who has been seeing Sloan for 18 months following residential treatment.

"When I first left her office, I told my sister, 'I'm never going back there,' because she wanted me to eat." But she did go back, although it was tough. "I had to establish trust," she says.

"I didn't trust myself, so I had to trust someone else," she explains and cites their shared faith as an element that helped produce that trust. "I've never missed a meeting with her."

She sees Sloan about once a month. Recently though she found herself slipping into old thought patterns. "In recovery, you can't skip a meal because you get too busy and think that's OK. You can't have those thoughts," she says. So she called Sloan for a session, and they were able to refocus on Ashley's goals and steer her back to healthier thoughts and habits.

"She's incredible," she says. "I wouldn't trade her for anything."

Goal setting is another important part of treatment and helps patients recognize levels of recovery. But Sloan is careful to point out that she does not give goal weights with obese patients. "Instead, I tell them that as they learn healthier behaviors, their weight will go to a healthier place."

Many indicators are obvious: The patient eats a variety of foods or is able to recognize hunger and respond by eating in an appropriate and timely manner. The individual exercises

without compulsion and is able to eat without feelings of fear, guilt or anxiety. But for most, Sloan says, the greatest indicator of recovery is simply less time spent thinking about hunger, food, body and weight. "It's the number one thing patients get happy about. For them, it's like they get their brain back."

While the majority of her patients are between the ages of 13 and 30, she is seeing more middle-aged people with eating disorders.

Take for instance, Missy. Now in her late 50s, she has struggled with anorexia since she was a teenager, yet did not seek treatment until five years ago. The habits of restricting food as punishment were so ingrained in her, "I honestly didn't see it," she says. But her 16-year-old son did and prompted her to get help.

The road to recovery has been tough, and because of her age and length of illness, longer than for many younger women. "It took me a year just to accept it," she says. "I'm alive today because of Reba. She has really stuck by me and always been an encouragement."

"The old messages stick around: 'You messed up typing this paper, so now you don't eat for three days.' But you know that they're not real. I know that I really do matter. I have a life worth living."

One of the best parts about being in private practice, Sloan says, is being able to incorporate faith into the treatment process. "When it's appropriate, I pull my Bible out," she says. She sees this element as vital to the healing process — one that brings a person to emotional, psychological, physical, spiritual and social completion. And to encourage patients, she keeps one of God's greatest promises on her wall: "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13).

Our national pastime

Back in the classroom, Sloan dispenses advice to the group of mothers eager to know how to prevent their children from developing eating disorders. Her first point receives a mixed reaction: "Dieting is not a healthy behavior."

She says the practice has actually contributed to the obesity problem in the United States, with its all-or-nothing method. It promotes feelings of failure and encourages restriction and bingeing. This too-structured approach to food does not mix with the average American's need for flexibility. "Dieting is our national pastime."

She adds, "We don't know everything about what sets people up for eating disorders. Is it psychological or brain chemistry? Is it all about genetics or a biosocial cultural mix? We don't know everything yet, but most research is in genetics. Not everyone who diets gets an eating disorder, but rarely do you find them in cultures without dieting."

Why? "The war on obesity promotes dieting; it labels foods 'good' and 'bad.' There are no good and bad foods, but foods we do not and do want to emphasize," she explains. Instead, she says, promote a lifestyle of balance and moderation — beginning at home. "Teach your children to be wise consumers, even at young ages."

"We want to look at healthy, not perfect; wellness, not thinness. A size is not a measure of self-worth."

As she ends the meeting, one mother asks, "How do I explain to my 6-year-old that my diet is for medical reasons? She keeps asking if she needs to go on a diet."

"Explain that you are taking care of your body and making positive changes to be healthier," Sloan replies. And finally, yet firmly, she repeats one of her most-quoted pieces of advice. "Get the word 'diet' out of your vocabulary." **H**

Promoting wellness

Lisa Ritchie, associate professor of family and consumer sciences and director of the didactic program in dietetics, weighs in on the University's position.

What services are available to University students struggling with eating disorders?

Students will find a number of skilled counselors and therapists at the Counseling Center who can help them deal with the challenges they are facing. Additionally, the Counseling Center staff can make referrals to other health care professionals as appropriate.

What programs and/or methods are in place to help prevent and educate our University community?

One key to prevention is education. That is the goal of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, sponsored by the National Eating Disorders Association. Harding's Department of Family and Consumer Sciences has provided information, programs and speakers during this week in recent years. This year's activities will take place Feb. 25-March 3. Nov. 6, 2006, marked the University's first Eating Disorders Awareness Day.

If a student suspects another student has an eating disorder, how should he or she respond?

The National Eating Disorders Association recommends the following for helping friends with eating and body image issues:

- ▶ Learn about eating disorders through books, articles and brochures.
- ▶ Know the differences between facts and myths about weight, nutrition and exercise. This helps to reason against inaccurate ideas friends may use as excuses to continue an eating disorder.
- ▶ Be honest — avoiding the problem or ignoring it won't help.
- ▶ Be caring, but firm. Avoid making rules, promises or expectations that cannot or will not be upheld.
- ▶ Compliment a wonderful personality, successes or accomplishments.
- ▶ Be a good role model in regard to sensible eating, exercise and self-acceptance.
- ▶ Tell someone. Knowing when may seem difficult, but don't wait until the situation is so severe that a friend's life is in danger.

For more information, visit www.nationaleatingdisorders.org.



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1976

Jeff Broadwater, associate professor of history at Barton College in Wilson, N.C., has written *George Mason, Forgotten Founder*, which was published in October 2006. He has also authored *Eisenhower and the Anti-Communist Crusade* and *Adlai Stevenson and American Politics: The Odyssey of a Cold War Liberal*. (1133 Kenan St. N.W., Wilson, NC 27893)

1980

David Weidner is senior territory business manager for Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. His wife, **Robin Remy** ('81), is owner of Robin Weidner Copywriting and Consulting. Her first book, *Secure in Heart*, was released in October 2006. She has also been a featured inspirational speaker at Christian women's events and conferences for women business owners. They have three children. (136 Augusta Ave., DeKalb, IL 60115)

1983

Mandy Risinger Jones is director of membership for Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce. She and her husband, Tom, have three children, one of whom is a junior at Harding. (2417 Shelby Court, Yuba City, CA 95991)

1984

Lisa Oglesby Swanson is working for a private equity firm as fund administrator. (1203 Meadow Creek Drive, Apt. A, Irving, TX 75038)

1987

Janee Evans Petree recently earned her master of arts in teaching degree with honors from University of Louisiana. She also completed certification for prekindergarten through fifth grade. She teaches kindergarten for Claiborne Elementary School. Her husband, **Greg** ('88), serves as vice president of marketing for Howard Books, a division of Simon & Schuster. They have two children. (113 Lafayette Circle, West Monroe, LA 71291)

1990

Phillip Tucker is production manager for the Office of Advancement Communications at Vanderbilt University. His primary responsibilities include editorial, advertising, printing and mailing management for eight alumni publications. He also serves at the executive level on the board of directors of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's Tennessee chapter. (3357 Cain Harbor Drive, Nashville, TN 37214)

1993

Lanny Tucker is director of advancement for Cascade College in Portland, Ore. He and his wife, Suzy, have two daughters. (6307 N.E. Seventh Ave., Portland, OR 97211)

1997

Ron Ducharme is a neurology sales specialist with Valeant Pharmaceuticals. His wife, **Laura Hale** ('98), is a homemaker. They have three children. (3000 Palomino Place, Hermitage, TN 37076)

1998

Arwen Whittington Blankinship

has recently relocated to Florida. Her husband, Randy, is employed in the Highly Migratory Species Division of NOAA-National Marine Fisheries Service. They have two children. (7109 91st St. E., Palmetto, FL 34221)

1999

Rebekah Scott is enrolled in the marriage and family therapy graduate program at Abilene Christian University. She is a CPA with Davis, Kinard & Co., P.C. (2341 Independence, Abilene, TX 79601)

Kirk Workman and his wife, Dana, recently moved to Dallas and are working at Parkland Hospital. Kirk is social work manager, and Dana is a speech-language pathologist. (2644 Hartman St., #4107, Dallas, TX 75204)

2000

Jennifer Hutchinson Gorham received her doctor of psychology degree from Wheaton College, where she is now working as assistant clinical training director. She is married to **Jonathan** ('01). (2432

Frost Drive, Aurora, IL 60503)

2001

Nathan Hunnicutt is a commercial and residential real estate investor. He and his wife, Tiffany, have two children. (3495 Highway 7 W., Center, TX 75935)

Rob O'Lynn is preaching minister at Hurricane Church and pursuing a master of divinity degree from Lubbock Christian University. He and his wife, **Rachael Parsons** ('03), have two children. (P.O. Box 177, Hurricane, WV 25526)

Megan Reed is administrative assistant to the broadcast department at FamilyLife ministry in Little Rock, Ark.

Chad Tappe has received his master of business administration degree from Harding and is assistant to the president at Central Arkansas Christian Schools in Little Rock. His wife, **Andrea Stevens** ('02), is a dietician at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and Arkansas Asthma and Allergy Clinic. They have a daughter. (115 Plumdale Drive, Sherwood, AR 72120)

2002

Ryan Cook is assistant city editor at The Advocate in Newark, Ohio. His wife, **Katrina Austin**, is pursuing a doctorate in reading education at Ohio State University. (561 Stinchcomb Drive, #8, Columbus, OH 43202)

Jared Hobby is youth minister at Leander Church of Christ. His wife, **Charissa Huff** ('00), is a third-grade teacher. (605 Sparkling Brook Lane, Leander, TX 78641)

McKensy Kemmerer is operations service manager at Shaohannah's Hope in Lansdowne, Va., after serving three years with the Jinja mission team in Uganda, East Africa. (332 Stable View Terrace N.E., Leesburg, VA 20176)

2003

Amy Elliott received the Arkansas Association for Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences New Outstanding Career and Technical Educator for 2006. She also received the Association for Career and Technical Education New Outstanding Career and Technical Educator for 2006. She is a family and consumer sciences teacher at Marion High School. (4811 Marion Ave., Memphis, TN 38117)

2005

Landon Joe Davis received his master of science degree in computer engineering from University of Tennessee-Knoxville College of Engineering in July 2006. He is employed by Exceptional Innovation. His wife, **Jennifer Ash** ('05), is attending medical school at Ohio State University. (2643 Silverstrand Drive, Hilliard, OH 43026)

Brian Williams is youth minister at Cloverdale Church of Christ. He and his wife, Tammy, have three children. (127 Cody Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

2006

Josh Bundy is associate youth minister at Bentonville Church of Christ. (600 Arcadia Drive, Bentonville, AR 72712)

Marriages

Austin Simmons ('05) to **Tara Beth Thompson** ('09), June 3, 2006. Austin is a sales represen-

PROFILE: JASON ASHLOCK 2002

Bridging religion and literature

JASON ASHLOCK'S JOB AT A NEW YORK CITY LITERARY AGENCY requires him to distinguish average manuscripts from those truly compelling.



Jason Ashlock

The job fits, because that is essentially what is happening to him and his peers in the master of arts in English literature program at Fordham University, which he entered in fall 2006. After two years of rigorous weeding out, top students will feed into the Ph.D. program. As editorial assistant to *Joyce Studies Annual*, Ashlock is well positioned to rise to the top. The annual is one of only two national academic journals devoted to James Joyce.

Fordham acquired it from University of Texas this summer, and Ashlock is one of the first editorial assistants. "The journal is still in a nascent phase, and I'm excited to be part of its re-birth," he says.

Ashlock describes the role as a "perfect fit" for someone like himself who "looks for intersections between religion and literature."

"Joyce was an artistic embodiment of that intersection, influenced as he was by the conflicting religious expressions around him — Protestant and Catholic battles, both ideological and physical," he explains. "He also held aesthetic creation as a spiritual act, and his narratives cannot be read apart from the strange and beautiful twists he put on the human understanding of his own spirit."

His current responsibilities include building a Web site and creating an accessible archive, working with scholars who have submitted works for possible publication in the first issue next fall, and eventually fact-checking and researching article content.

The position comes with full tuition and a living stipend, but Ashlock also holds a job at Marianne Strong Literary Agency, where he has recently been asked to take on projects that he finds interesting. "My time is spent reading manuscripts, talking with clients, crafting marketing strategies, composing marketing letters, and talking with editors in hopes that they'll buy the book I'm pitching," he says. "It's fast-paced and stretches my writing skills greatly."

Ashlock entered the Fordham program with graduates of Yale, Brown, Harvard, Stanford, Cornell and Berkeley and says he felt "heavily intimidated" the first week. But in class discussions he came to understand that "I held the tools necessary to engage in scholarly conversation with graduates from Ivy League schools."

His goal is to take the conversation even further. "Witnessing both fundamentalism's hostility toward liberal academia and liberal academia's cynical scoffing toward fundamentalism, I hope to become a voice that reintroduces the two cultures to one another."

No doubt his will be a voice worth listening to. **H**

— April M. Fatula

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? ... RONNIE PEACOCK 1972

Beyond the scoreboard

RONNIE PEACOCK WAS A LOCAL SPORTS MEDIA DARING this fall, but that has not always been the case. He was named athletic director and head football coach for Rogers (Ark.) High School in 2001 — the season after his Greenwood (Ark.) team won the Class 4A football championship. Although Rogers is the state's largest school, it had one of the least successful football programs. When Peacock was unable to turn its record around overnight, hateful e-mails and letters circulated around the community.

But a winning season and major attention from ESPN seem to have eased the tension. In December Peacock was named Class 7A Coach of the Year after leading the Mounties to a school-record 12 victories, the 7A-West Conference title, and a berth in the state championship game — the first time since the playoff system was revived in Arkansas in 1968. The team ranked in the top 20 in the nation.

An *ESPN the Magazine* "Outside the Lines" article about the effects of Wal-Mart on athletics in Northwest Arkansas prompted an ESPN "Outside the Lines" TV episode "comparing Bentonville and their money with Rogers and



Ronnie Peacock then and now (above)



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our heart," Peacock explains. Then the magazine featured him in its Dec. 4, 2006, issue. As a player for the University from 1968-1971, Peacock also received a lot of attention. In his 40 career games, he caught 201 passes for 2,553 yards — an average of 63.8 yards per game — and had 18 touchdowns. At the time, he was only the second player in the nation to catch more than 200 passes. Although he enjoyed a winning season, Peacock does not believe statistics tell the whole story. "If you put everything into winning and lose, then you lose everything," he says. "I've learned that winning beyond the scoreboard is very important, and that touching, impacting, changing and saving young lives is the real challenge." **H** — April M. Fatula

tative at Wiremaster Inc. in Franklin, Tenn., and Tara is a nursing student at Belmont University. (512 Old Hickory Blvd., #2510, Nashville, TN 37209)

Bradley T. Hayes ('96) to Sarah Elizabeth Cavin, June 10, 2006. Bradley is an attorney. (804 State St., Natchez, MS 39120)

Angel VanDeBrake ('03) to Abel Galvan, July 22, 2006. (P.O. Box 857, LaPorte, CO 80535)

Rebecca Deaton ('99) to Adam Barnes, July 29, 2006. (315 W. Main St., #7, Waxahachie, TX 75165)

Kathryn George ('98) to Robert Hamilton, July 29, 2006. Kathryn is vice president for marketing and communications for the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties, and Robert is a consultant with CACI International Inc. (4007 Lake Glen Drive, Fairfax, VA 22033)

Thomas Ritchie ('05) to **Sara Beth Matheny** ('03), Sept. 2, 2006. Thomas is IT director for admissions at Harding, and Sara is a teacher for Pulaski County Schools. (606 E. Center, Searcy, AR 72143)

Ashley Miller ('99) to Anthony Black, Sept. 23, 2006. They both work in corporate communications for Delta Air Lines. (696 Surrey Park Place, Smyrna, GA 30082)

Julie Newsom ('02) to Howard Mooney, Oct. 7, 2006. Julie is a senior analyst in customer strategies at Alltel Wireless. (148 Auriel Circle, Maumelle, AR 72113)

JoErin E. Tonneson ('04) to Thomas M. Perkins, Oct. 21, 2006. (2502 N. 19th St., West Monroe, LA 71291)

Births

To Adam and **Karey Waddill** ('00) **Simmons**, a daughter, Brooklyn Elisabeth, May 11, 2005. They also have a son, Carson. Adam and Karey both teach at Camden Fairview Schools. (1060 Lakewood, Camden, AR 71701)

To Allen and **Denise Walton** ('95) **Gall**, a daughter, Jessie Eowyn, Aug. 2, 2005. They have another daughter, Elyssa. (1197 Scoville Ave., Pomona, CA 91767)

To **Brian** ('94) and **Laura Kinningham** ('86) **Mitchell**, a son, Stephen Mitchell, Dec. 2, 2005. They have three other children, Charissa, David and Denver.



Brian is an electrical engineer with Samsung Austin Semiconductor, and Laura is a homemaker. (11709 New Sweden Church Road, Manor, TX 78653)

To Wayne and Brenda Thornburg ('00) Nichols, a daughter, Shelby Madelyn, Jan. 21, 2006. (5965 Rehoboth Road, Hope Mills, NC 28348)

To Forrest ('04) and Tabitha Hayes ('00) Smith, a son, Mason, Feb. 18, 2006. Forrest is youth minister at Village Church of Christ, and Tabitha is a homemaker. (1 Nacozari Lane, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909)

To Jon ('02) and Julie Shaver ('07) Singleton, a daughter, Lydia Jane, Feb. 28, 2006. Jon is part-time youth minister at Wetzel Road Church of Christ while pursuing a Ph.D. in English at Syracuse University. (1414 Hawley Ave., #2, Syracuse, NY 13203)

To Kile ('97) and Emily Wellman ('97) Thompson, a son, Logan James, March 13, 2006. (8715 N. 144th E. Ave., Owasso, OK 74055)

To Jonathan ('98) and Rebecca Hug ('98) Dandy, a daughter, Genesis Irene, April 2, 2006. They also have a son, Samuel. (11570 S.W. 14th St., Beaverton, OR 97005)

To John Anthony ('99) and Kristen Hogue ('99) Renwick, a son, Brennan Clark, April 5, 2006. The couple moved to Aberdeen, Scotland, in 2004 to serve as missionaries. (23 Crawton Ness, Aberdeen, AB12 3SP, Scotland, U.K.)

To John ('04) and Tia Tarole ('01) Stone, a son, Anthony Norman, April 19, 2006. They also have a daughter, Abigail. John is director of academic computing at Harding, and Tia is a homemaker. (314 N. Sawmill Road, Searcy, AR 72143)

To Roger ('88) and Melissa Bradley, a daughter, Alissa Sofia, April 26, 2006. They also have a son, Antione. (140 Vista del Mar, Ladyville, Belize)

To Marc ('00) and Karie Fouts ('99) Fager, a daughter, Krimson Leigh, April 26, 2006. They also have two sons, Adam and Jude. Marc received his Ph.D. in marriage and family therapy and works for the Center for Children and Families in Monroe, La. (501 Lakewood Drive, West Monroe, LA 71291)

To Casey ('03) and Mary Beth Stanford ('03) Picker, a son, Caleb

Kurtis, April 27, 2006. Casey is senior Web developer at Fidelity, and Mary Beth is a homemaker. (3112 Maggie Drive, Benton, AR 72015)

To Kevin ('98) and Jenny Parrott ('98) Box, a daughter, Lauren Olivia, May 2, 2006. They have another daughter, Lucy. Kevin is operations manager at Clear Channel Communications, and Jenny is a homemaker. (2305 Sheffield Drive, Jonesboro, AR 72401)

To Colby ('00) and Emily Kulild ('00) Adams, a daughter, Abigail Mae, May 10, 2006. (8811 Fenchurch Road, Dallas, TX 75238)

To Michael and Pam Peachey ('91) Rossi, a daughter, Rebecca Marie, May 12, 2006. They have another daughter, Rachel. (11 Turtle Creek Court, Little Rock, AR 72211)

To Kent ('98) and Amanda Brigman ('99) Lashley, a daughter, Julia Corinne, June 1, 2006. Kent is corporate counsel for Service-master, and Amanda is a learning specialist at Hutchison School. (1493 Ivy, Memphis, TN 38117)

To Ty ('97) and Erin Elliott ('00) Christopher, a son, Knox Garrett, June 10, 2006. (114 Penn St., Greenville, SC 29605)

To Mark ('99) and Shauna Stobart ('00) Trainer, a son, Jason, June 14, 2006. They have two other children, Mackenzie and Dylan. Mark has joined Baker & Daniels, LLP in the labor and employment group. He is a 2002 graduate of Indiana University School of Law. (499 E. Quail Ridge, Westfield, IN 46074)

To Scott and Joanna Walker ('89) Raynes, a daughter, Caroline Elizabeth, June 15, 2006. They have another daughter, Sarah. Scott is partner in the firm of Werner, Kerrigan and Ayres, LLP, and Joanna is partner in the firm of Fabrega, Hood, Raynes and Fass, LLP. (4610 Ingersoll St., Houston, TX 77027)

To Mason ('92) and Lynda Leavelle ('97) Peebles, a son, Kason Hawke, June 21, 2006. They also have a daughter, Kaylie. Mason received his doctorate in August 2006 and teaches at University of North Texas, and Lynda is a chemistry professor at Texas Woman's University. (1928 Parkside Drive, Denton, TX 76201)

To Jason and Heather Ware ('00) Cook, a daughter, Emma Nicole, June 22, 2006. (3323 Percy Priest Drive, Nashville, TN 37214)

To Seth ('02) and Brittney Allison

('02) Patterson, a daughter, Jillian Jane, June 22, 2006. Seth is a major accounts manager at Airband Communications, and Brittney is a homemaker. (2226 Landoine Lane, Lewisville, TX 75056)

To Shane ('97) and Celeste Walker ('97) Jackson, a daughter, Emerson Kayte, June 24, 2006. They also have a son, Langston. Shane is vice president of finance for Jackson Healthcare Solutions in Alpharetta, Ga., and Celeste is a homemaker. (4220 Stackstone Drive, Cumming, GA 30041)

To Bentley ('98) and Dina Harrell, a son, Carson Todd, July 7, 2006. They have two other children, Tanner and Lauren. Bentley is Wal-Mart team director for on-shelf marketing, and Dina is executive director of The Children's Hour Preschool. (204 S.E. Georgetown, Bentonville, AR 72712)

To Mike ('05) and Sarah Cramer ('08) Lombard, a daughter, Danika Shea, July 14, 2006. Mike works for the Denver Police Department. (12300 Bannock, #20-206, Denver, CO 80234)

To R. Allan ('94) and Kristi Cash ('94) White, a daughter, Fiona Grace, July 25, 2006. They have two other children, Trinity and Connor. Allan is a video producer at Luis Palau Association, and Kristi is minister at Portland Urban Ministry Project Church of Christ. (6515 N.E. Sixth Ave., Portland, OR 97211)

To Todd ('95) and Georgia Crowson ('96) Wolfe, a son, Benjamin Murphy, July 29, 2006. They have three other children, Daniel, Anna and Nicole. Todd is education coordinator at White County Medical Center, and Georgia is a homemaker. (701 N. Pine, Searcy, AR 72143)

To Marty ('93) and Jennifer Boyle ('93) Newsom, a daughter, Landry Jane, Aug. 2, 2006. They also have a son, Jackson. (162 Mountain Valley Drive, Maumelle, AR 72113)

To Wes ('01) and Amy Cox ('98) McCown, a son, Layton James, Aug. 4, 2006. Wes is a manager for PricewaterhouseCoopers, and Amy is a homemaker. (10545 Lakemere Drive, Dallas, TX 75238)

To Billy and Alison Turner ('99) McQueary, a daughter, Anna Louise, Aug. 4, 2006. They also have a son, William. (846 White Diamond Court, Springfield, MO 65809)

To Tyler ('03) and Kelly Duncan ('01) Wiggins, a son, Keynan

James, Aug. 8, 2006. Both work at Westbury Christian School in Houston, where Tyler is band director, and Kelly is AP English teacher. (7019 Brockington Drive, Katy, TX 77494)

To Jim ('88) and Tracey Johnson ('93) Alderdice, a son, Ford Holt, Aug. 10, 2006. (4921 Darlington Drive, Nashville, TN 37211)

To Nathan ('02) and Nikki Coonts ('02) McIntyre, a son, Braedon Cameron Gresham, Aug. 11, 2006. (284 Meigs Drive, J69, Murfreesboro, TN 37128)

To Darby and Amiee Boyette ('98) York, a son, Mitchell Allen, Aug. 15, 2006. (4790 Stonewall Crossing, Springdale, AR 72764)

To Christoph and Karin Springer ('97) Kuendig, a daughter, Liliana Joy, Aug. 16, 2006. They have another daughter, Alicia. (Schaufelweg 11, CH-3098 Schlieren b. Koeniz, Switzerland)

To David ('92) and Lisa Shappard ('91) Miller, a son, Joshua Andrew, Aug. 16, 2006. They have two other children, Nicole and Zachary. David is a pilot for Federal Express, and Lisa works part time in heart registry at Baptist Hospital. (10230 Gillespie Oaks, Lakeland, TN 38002)

To Wheeler ('99) and Rena McCarty ('93) Howard, a daughter, Helyna Maeve, Aug. 17, 2006. (3016 Davis Drive, Oxford, MS 38655)

To Rick ('95) and Tanya Warpula, a son, Cooper Benjamin, Aug. 19, 2006. They have three other children, Griffin, Carson and Parker. Rick is a podiatrist and owner of Austin Family Foot Care in Austin, Texas. (3202 Argento Place, Cedar Park, TX 78613)

To Jason ('99) and Kim McKinnis ('99) Smith, twin sons, Rylan George and Jacob Kyle, Aug. 22, 2006. (2206 Castle Drive, League City, TX 77573)

To Rob ('94) and Rebecca Helm ('94) Kernodle, twin sons, Luke David and Joshua Bruce, Aug. 28, 2006. They have another son, Caleb. Rob is territory manager for RCH Distributors, and Rebecca is a homemaker. (110 Hardee St., Perryville, KY 40468)

To John ('99) and Jennifer Chrisman ('98) Steele, a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, Aug. 30, 2006. They have two other children, Shelby and Nathan. John is a physician assistant with Southwest Arkansas Mental Health Center, and Jennifer is a homemaker. (14 Clay Ave., Texarkana, TX 75503)

To Bob ('94) and Jennifer Laverder Higbee, a son, William Robert III, Aug. 31, 2006. They also have two daughters, Cassie and Kayleigh. (8206 S. Norfolk Way, Englewood, CO 80112)

To Darin and Dawn Dooley ('92) Adamson, a son, Brandon Michael, Sept. 7, 2006. Darin is self-employed, and Dawn is a homemaker. (15050 Lakeport Lane, Smithville, MO 64089)

To Mike ('01) and Katie Kwast

('01) Stoneman, a daughter, Ava Faith, Sept. 14, 2006. (10519 Camelot Drive, Frisco, TX 75035)

To A. Lynn ('89) and Michelle Morgan ('92) Cook, a son, Aaron, Sept. 21, 2006. They have two other sons, Andrew and Austin. (3208 Moonlighting Place Drive, Bryant, AR 72022)

To Greg ('99) and Christy Lair ('00) Swackhamer, a daughter, Lily Ann, Sept. 21, 2006. Greg is an investment representative

with Edward Jones, and Christy is a fifth-grade teacher at Deane Elementary. (2949 W. Riverwalk Circle, Unit G, Littleton, CO 80123)

To Troy ('99) and Heather Gray ('99) Berreth, a son, Cage Grayson, Sept. 26, 2006. They have another son, Ty. Troy is a software engineer for Digital MD Systems, and Heather is a physical education teacher at Parkwood Hill Intermediate School. (4815 Stet-

son Drive N., Keller, TX 76248)

To Nathan ('01) and Jenni Wright ('02) Bills, a son, Samuel Dean, Sept. 28, 2006. Nathan received his master of divinity degree from Harding Graduate School of Religion in May 2006. He is employed at Central Dallas Ministries and is working toward his master's in community economic development. Jenni received her bachelor of science degree in nursing from University of Memphis in December 2005. (5444 Gaston Ave., #106, Dallas, TX 75214)

To John ('98) and Kimberly Kell ('01) Hodges, a daughter, Kalleigh Elizabeth, Oct. 2, 2006. They also have a son, Johnathan. (11298 Twin Spires Drive, Flint, TX 75762)

To David ('87) and Janelle McFarland ('92) White, a son, Jacob Todd, Oct. 3, 2006. They have another son, Christopher. (449 Westcrest Drive, Nashville, TN 37211)

To Chad ('98) and Wendy Schroeder ('00) Joice, a daughter, Bentley Aiden, Oct. 6, 2006. They have two other daughters, Brecken and Camdyn. (12205 East 81st Place N., Owasso, OK 74055)

To Andrew ('98) and Amy May ('98) Baker, a son, Isaac Andrew, Oct. 11, 2006. They also have two daughters, Julianne and Maryella. (Harding University, Box 10750, Searcy, AR 72149)

To Stanley ('97) and Jill Whiteside ('97) Pounds, a son, John Cameron, Oct. 12, 2006. They have another son, Philip. Stanley is an assistant faculty member at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and Jill is a homemaker. (6491 Daybreak, Bartlett, TN 38135)

To Bobby and Susan Sweany ('86) Wright, a daughter, Carly Jo, Oct. 17, 2006. Bobby is a rancher, and Susan is assistant principal at Glen Rose Schools. (917 S. Bell, Hamilton, TX 76531)

To Wade ('98) and Michael Ann Scott ('98) Ramer, a son, Callahan Thomas, Oct. 18, 2006. They have another son, Carson. Wade is self-employed through Pepperidge Farm, and Michael Ann is a speech-language pathologist with Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative. (4375 Wedge Drive, Fayetteville, AR 72704)

To Greg ('96) and Anissa Campbell ('92) Harris, a son, Kaynan Todd, Oct. 23, 2006. They also have a daughter, Kadyne. (2203 Audley Bolton Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

ALMA MATTERS

Continuing the legacy

By LIZ HOWELL, director of alumni relations

LEGACIES MAY BEGIN, CONTINUE OR END WITH each generation.

Every year the University welcomes many first timers into the Harding family and celebrates the past with those who began in the mid '20s. The common bond is the development of lasting relationships that start with the Harding experience — whether as a student or through the eyes of a parent.



Liz Howell

Claudia Bates ('77) Boswell, a third-generation member of the Harding family, shares her story, "My grandmother, Roxie Crouthers Spruell, took classes in the 1920s with Dr. Benson's daughter, and my mother, Betty Spruell Bates, graduated in 1946. She sat at the feet of J.N. Armstrong, Mrs. Cathcart and Dr. Sears. Her mentor was Annie May Alston Lewis, who encouraged her to be an English teacher. Mom taught and was a vice president at Harding Academy of Memphis for 29 years.

"There was never any doubt where Donna and I would go to college," Claudia says. "As little girls, we thought Harding and heaven were almost the same place. Mom and Daddy never talked about us going to college. They only talked in terms of 'when you go to Harding ...'" Claudia's husband, David, and her sister, Donna Bates Kent, both graduated in 1975.

David and Claudia's sons are the fourth generation in the Harding family. "When it came time for my boys to go to school, we were living in the Chicago area. They wanted to tour many schools, so we looked at lots of campuses, but Harding was clearly the No. 1 choice for them. Jim graduated in 2001, and Andrew went to the University for two years and then entered the Navy. He plans to use the GI Bill to come back to Harding after his tour is up next year," adds Claudia. "I think

Harding was chosen by both of them because most of the alumni we know loved it."

Returning to campus often for events such as Homecoming, Spring Sing and Bison Daze is the way to plant seeds that may result in your child's decision to attend the University. Sharing stories of your Harding days and staying connected with friends from college also helps solidify the importance and value of a Harding education.

Along with alumni, parents who attended other schools often become our greatest advocates because of their experiences elsewhere and a desire for their children to gain a Christian education.

The University is strong in academics and promotes a life consistent with Christian ideals. Dr. David Collins, dean of students, explains, "What happens outside the classroom is almost as important as what happens in the classroom. The average student carries 16 hours, and for every hour in class, two hours of studying outside of class is recommended. If a student sleeps eight hours each night, this leaves 64 hours or more of free time each week. As young adults, the use of their time is a big difference in the value of a Harding education. We focus on activities and opportunities that encourage the development of lasting relationships through interaction among faculty, staff and students. At Harding, we take a holistic approach to student life in balancing the spiritual, physical, emotional and intellectual."

The Harding experience is distinctive and worth recommending. Make plans soon to bring your children or other prospective students to meet the Harding family.

Harding's publication "Choosing Your Path" is an excellent resource for parents involved in their child's college decision. For your free copy, call (800) 477-4312, ext. 1, or e-mail alumni@harding.edu. **H**

To **Adam** ('97) and **Patty Lett**, a son, Hayden Lee, Oct. 26, 2006. They have another son, Ethan. (342 Paradise Drive, Noel, MO 64854)

To **Tim** ('94) and **Erin Harrington** ('99) **Cox**, a daughter, Corban Lily Marie, Oct. 28, 2006, by adoption. She was born Oct. 18, 2006. Tim works on a government contract and teaches two courses at Harding, and Erin is a homemaker. (212 Billy Davis Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

Passages

James M. Benson ('38), 93, died Aug. 9, 2006. He taught at Alabama Christian College in Montgomery, Ala., during World War II. He was a minister of the church of Christ for more than 60 years, preaching in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Mississippi and Texas before retiring to Stephens, Ark. He is survived by his wife, Eloise; a son, James Jr.; a daughter, Bonnie Beth Anderson; a brother, Waymon; two sisters, Willie Faye Hughey and Annie Verna Ingram; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. (P.O. Box 178, Stephens, AR 71764)

Thomas Adrian Formby ('44), 85, died Aug. 25, 2006. He quit college to join the Army. He served in the European Theater of Operation as a member of the 14th Finance Disbursing Unit and was in France throughout the European Operation. Following the war, he completed requirements for medical school and gained admission to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. He graduated from UAMS in 1950 with both the bachelor of science and doctor of medicine degrees and completed his internship at City Receiving Hospital in Detroit. Returning to Arkansas, he was located first in Paragould for 18 months and then in Searcy until he retired in 1985. He was the model of what was to be called the family practitioner. He became a member of the American Academy of Family Practice and was instrumental in helping form Searcy Medical Center. He also played a pivotal role in the effort to establish a community-based hospital for Searcy and the surrounding area — now known as White County Medical Center. As chief of staff, he helped develop the hospital's first Coronary Care Unit. He was recognized as the UAMS Distinguished

Alumnus for 2000. He served as a teacher, deacon and elder at College Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, **Mary McCullough** ('44); three daughters, **Margaret Blue** ('72), **Rachel Dowdy** ('74) and **Leah Justus** ('77); five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. (1 Windy Ridge, Searcy, AR 72143)

Virgil Miles Beckett ('58), 86, died Dec. 11, 2006. Beckett joined the Civilian Conservation Corps in



1939. In 1940 he volunteered for military service in the U.S. Army Air Corps. During WWII he served in the European Theater,

Eighth Army Air Corps, 56th Fighter Squadron. He was honorably discharged in 1945. In 1946 he enrolled in Draughn's School of Business, where he received an associate of arts degree in accounting. Following graduation, he worked for U.S.F. & G. Insurance Co. from 1948-1950, when he was recalled for military service. He served one year in the Korean conflict and returned to U.S.F. & G. until 1954. He then enrolled at Florida College in Tampa before transferring to the University in 1956. He became registrar in 1958, a position he held until retirement in 1988. In 1977 he was honored with the University's Distinguished Service Award. Under his direction, Harding was the first university in the state to go online with registration. He interrupted his retirement and served York College as interim registrar for the 1999-2000 academic year. He was honored by the state of Nebraska with the Operation ABLE (Ability Based on Long Experience) Senior Achievement Award for his service. He was past president of ArkACRAO. He was a member of College Church of Christ for 50 years, with a five-year hiatus caused by moving to Colorado Springs, Colo., where he was a member of Pikes Peak Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Wanice Garner. Memorials may be made to the Virgil and Wanice Beckett Scholarship Fund of Harding University, Advancement Office, Box 12238, Searcy, AR 72149. (120 Indian Trail, Searcy, AR 72143)

Chris Bullard ('70), 57, died Sept. 14, 2006, from a heart attack. He was a Biblical scholar and teacher and held two master's degrees from Harding Graduate School

of Religion in Memphis, Tenn., and a doctor of ministry degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif. He first served as campus minister at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia. From 1977-2000, he was education minister and then senior minister for Overland Park Church of Christ in Kansas City, Mo. Since 2000 he served as minister for Northland Mission Church in Kansas City. He authored six books. He established The World of Jesus institute to promote a deeper understanding of the cultural, political, religious and geographical world in which Jesus lived and taught. He was an adjunct professor for the Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies in Israel and made more than 20 trips to the Holy Lands. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, **Maxine MacKay** ('70); his mother, Leatrice; two sons, Christopher and Parker; a daughter, Jennifer Dennis; a brother, Kevin; two sisters, Rebecca and Jill; and two grandchildren. (511 N.W. 65th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64118)

Carrol Fletcher ('71), 67, died Nov. 27, 2006, from cancer. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1957-59. During his years at Harding, he was minister for White Oak Church of Christ and Harmony Church of Christ. After graduation, he served as minister for Hazen Church of Christ in Hazen, Ark., and North Main Church of Christ in Malvern, Ark. In 1977 he became minister of evangelism for Sylvan Hills Church of Christ in Sherwood, Ark., where he remained for 29 years and served as an elder. He went on numerous mission trips. He is survived by his wife, LaVerne Allison; a son, **Phil** ('88); two daughters, **Alison Bussard** ('84) and **Angela Stevens** ('85); and seven grandchildren. (3141 Woodruff Creek Drive, Sherwood, AR 72120)

William Mitchell Murphy ('71), 57, died Nov. 5, 2006, from renal cell carcinoma. He received his master's degree from Southeast Missouri State University and in 1981 a Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University. He was a



teacher and an elementary school principal for 30 years in Poplar Bluff and Mehlville, Mo. He was selected as Best Boss in St. Louis as the result of an essay written

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Judge Janice Rogers Brown

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Honors Symposium II
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Uplift Session III

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by one of his reading teachers and was selected Outstanding Alumnus in the School of Education by Harding in 1987. Upon his retirement, his school faculty and parents honored him by building "Dr. Murphy Drive" in front of the school. He served as an elder at the Arnold (Mo.) Church of Christ since 1991, where he taught classes, preached when needed, and was involved in prison ministry outreach. He volunteered in two correctional facilities 14 years, teaching classes, conducting worship services, and participating in StoryLink — a program in which inmates read storybooks on tape to their children, thus keeping families connected. He spoke at National Prison Workshops and began a local prison workshop held at Arnold the last two years. He was a supporter of Christian Academy of Greater St. Louis as a substitute and volunteer. He had articles published in *Christian Bible Teacher*, *First Century Christian*, *Gospel Advocate* and professional educational magazines. He is survived by his wife, **Susan Fowler** ('71); two daughters, **Amy Balentine** ('95) and **Jamie Hernandez** ('99); and three grandchildren. (5907 Bristlecone Court, St. Louis, MO 63129)

Freddie Walker ('74), 54, died April 5, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; his parents, **Ernest** ('55) and **Sybil Curry** ('54) **Walker**; a stepson, Andrew Stevens; two daughters, Michelle Tewold and Stephanie Ray; and four grandchildren. (P.O. Box 1056, Centerville, TX 75833)

Mark Randall Trotter ('76), 52, died Sept. 9, 2006. He graduated from University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry in 1980. He was a member of the American, Missouri and Greater Kansas City Dental associations and the Great Plains Study Club. He had a private practice in Raymore, Mo., for 23 years. He was an elder and small group leader at Southview Christian Church in Grandview, Mo. He and his wife were planning to go to Cambodia for mission work when he was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor in January 2006. He is survived by his wife of seven years, Lyla; his parents, Jim and Betty; three sons, Jonathan, Russell Bremer and Andrew; seven daughters, **Kathryn** ('04), Cassandra Perkins, Corrie, Anna, Sarah, Jamie and Audrey; three brothers, **Jim** ('74), **Jay** ('77) and **Lee** ('78); and four grandsons. He was pre-

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE: ENDOWMENT

A wise investment

By TED HACKNEY, director of the Center for Charitable Estate Planning

WE ALL WANT TO MAKE SOUND INVESTMENTS. For this reason an entire industry is devoted to providing investment advice. Supporting the University is one way to make an investment in which you, our students and our eternal mission are all beneficiaries.

Homer "Ray" ('50) and Blanche ('45) Horsman made an investment in Harding that will yield benefits to both them and the University. Their actions will help instill Christian values in young men and women for many years into the future. Active in the University's President's Council for years, Ray and Blanche wanted to do even more for our students. After Blanche retired from teaching and Ray retired from Tennessee Valley Authority, they invested in a Harding Gift Annuity.

Recently, they decided they no longer needed the income from their gift annuity and asked our estate planning team about options



Ray and Blanche Horsman

available to them. Ultimately, they decided that converting their gift annuity into a Presidential Endowed Scholarship would be their optimal choice. Their decision provides student scholarships in perpetuity and demonstrates to students a spirit of giving.

In addition to gift annuities and scholarships, Harding's "investment" tools include endowment funds, will bequests, and a variety of charitable trusts. Working with our team enables you to help the University without diminishing your income or estate planning goals.

For information about creating gifts to benefit both you and the University, please call me at (800) 477-4312, Option 3, or e-mail endowment@harding.edu.

I would also be glad to send you "Ways to Give," which describes several creative gift opportunities available at the University. **H**

Regional director Tom Parsons contributed to this article.



Ted Hackney

ceded in death by his first wife, **Kerry McEuen** ('76), and a daughter, Laura Beth. (1400 Essex Court, Raymore, MO 64083)

Sydney Smith Amos ('79), 48, died May 7, 2006. She was a member of Westover Church in Greensboro, N.C., and was a teacher at Phoenix Academy. She is survived by her husband, **Paul** ('81); her mother, Mary Smith; two sons, Gilbert and Charles; a brother, **Wayne Smith** ('68); and a sister, **Shonnie Wheeley** ('71). (4212 Braddock Road, High Point, NC 27265)

Andrew Brady ('95), 33, died Dec. 3, 2006, from a brain aneurysm. He was a math teacher and assistant varsity girls' coach at Central Arkansas Christian Schools. He played an important role in the Lady Mustangs' back-to-back state championships in 2005 and 2006. He is survived by his parents, **Anthony** ('69) and **Paula Erwin** ('71); his sister, **Ashley Chandler** ('98); and his grandparents, Harrell and Hilda Brady and Lilie Mae Erwin. (503 Goldenwood Drive, Jacksonville, AR 72076)

Katherine Point Smith ('99), 32,

died Nov. 25, 2006, from pancreatic cancer. She was a family outreach therapist with Robins' Nest in Glassboro, N.J. She held a master's degree in marriage and family therapy from Harding and had completed all course work toward a Ph.D. in marriage and family therapy from Florida State University. She is survived by her husband, **James** ('99); her parents, Lawrence and Frances Point; a sister, Teresa; and her grandmother, Ruth Jackson Key. (106 N. Broadway, #2, Pitman, NJ 08071)

Matthew Durham ('03), 25, died July 2, 2006. He was a master craftsman for Paul Mueller Co., a member of the National Rifle Association, and a member of North National Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife, Jenna Donoho; his parents, Joel and Carol; a son, Levi; a brother, Jason; and a sister, Rachel McLaughlin. (507 Cherrywood Ave., Republic, MO 65738)

April Warren Page ('05), 23, died Nov. 7, 2006, from cancer. She is survived by her husband, **Brandon** ('05); her parents, **Murray** ('52) and Iris **Warren**; and her brother,

Teddy Warren ('97). (4507 Austin Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805)

James H. Daniel Jr., 74, died Aug. 14, 2006, from Parkinson's disease. He volunteered for the U.S. Army and served two years stateside during the Korean Conflict. He lived in Albany, Ga., until moving to Searcy in 1969, where he served four years as Harding's director of deferred giving. He was then self-employed as a real estate appraiser until he retired in 2001. He was a deacon at College Church of Christ and on Searcy's City Planning Commission. He and his wife, Evelyn, sponsored Titans men's social club at Harding 20 years. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; his mother, Mary Lee Daniel; two sons, **David** ('83) and **Jeff** ('83); a daughter, **Ginny Howell** ('79); three brothers, **Billy** ('70), **Bob** and **Lee** ('73); three sisters, Martha Jones, Jean Aker and Sue Voltz; and seven grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Jim Daniel/Titans Endowed Scholarship at Harding University, Box 12238, Searcy, AR 72149. (17 Indian Trail, Searcy, AR 72143)

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Retirement is a state of mind

AN INTERVIEW WITH JAMES F. CARR JR.

The majority of your career was spent in higher education, and now you work in health care. Were there any other areas you wish you had explored professionally?

I've often wondered what the field of business would have been like, because I dealt a little bit in that area, but never experienced it full time.

Politics is another. I've been encouraged to run for public office, but I never have. I've tried to help elect good people to positions of responsibility rather than being involved myself.

I've often thought I would have enjoyed being in a classroom. I was in a classroom in public schools for several years right out of college and taught at the university level for two years, but I never pursued it as a career.

You coined the phrases "Searcy: Where thousands live like millions wish they could" and "It's great to be at Harding." You have a reputation as an "ideas man."

What is the idea of which you are proudest?

Getting the School of Nursing started at Harding back in 1975. I also got a lot of satisfaction and played some part in the development of Harding Place.

You were instrumental in the formation of the College of Nursing, and you were one of the early supporters of the College of Pharmacy. Why is health care a good niche for the University?

Service. Harding offers programs that will encourage service to others. We also have to remember, the population is getting older. I read about a school I was familiar with in North Carolina that had a school of pharmacy, and I shared that with my son one day. I thought Harding could have a school of pharmacy because it has such a strong premedical background.

When you came to Harding in 1970 after retiring from the Florida Board of Regents, you said you were beginning a second career. Did you ever imagine more than 35 years later you'd be in the middle of a third?

No, but I can't sit down and see the parade pass by; I want to be part of it. I've never learned to play. I went to work when I was 12 years of age and have always worked and enjoy it.

Why were such endeavors as Elderhostel and Harding Place important to you?

We became involved in Elderhostel soon after it became a national program. I directed probably 25 or more Elderhostel programs. One summer, we had five sessions. That's when my hair turned gray. It helped us become more visible to people outside our fellowship.

I knew there were few schools that had retirement centers on their campuses. With the approval of the administration, I visited several facilities in Oklahoma, Florida, North Carolina and Ohio. It seemed natural for Harding to start such a place. So we began planning, and Harding Place opened 10 years ago. It is a service not only to retired faculty members and employees, but also a good retirement place for others who want a Christian environment. My wife and I have been there two years now, and it's beginning to feel like home.

Why is your community involvement and service so important to you?

We owe it to our community. We have some responsibility in making it a better place to live and work. I get satisfaction out of being a part of the community.

I think if people from Harding are involved in the community, the community will feel more kindly toward [the University].

Do you ever get tired of putting on a suit and tie every day?

No. Somebody saw me the other day and said, "That's the first time I've ever seen you without a suit and tie." That's my uniform.

Why is it important for you to be very involved in your grandchildren's lives?

I think to have someone of another generation supporting what you're doing as a youngster is most meaningful. I want my grandchildren to remember me and my wife as people who loved them very much and wanted to be a part of all of their activities — or as many as we're able to.

What wisdom do you try to impart to them?

Integrity more than anything else. Integrity is something my parents tried to pass on to me. I tried to pass it on to my children. Also, to be involved in a career from which they get a lot of satisfaction, while serving mankind at the same time. Something else I try to pass on to them is the importance of living within one's means.

Will you ever really retire?

As long as I'm physically active, I'm going to be doing something. It will probably be volunteer work. There are a lot of nonprofits with which I could become involved. I just can't see myself sitting down looking at the TV eight hours a day. **H**

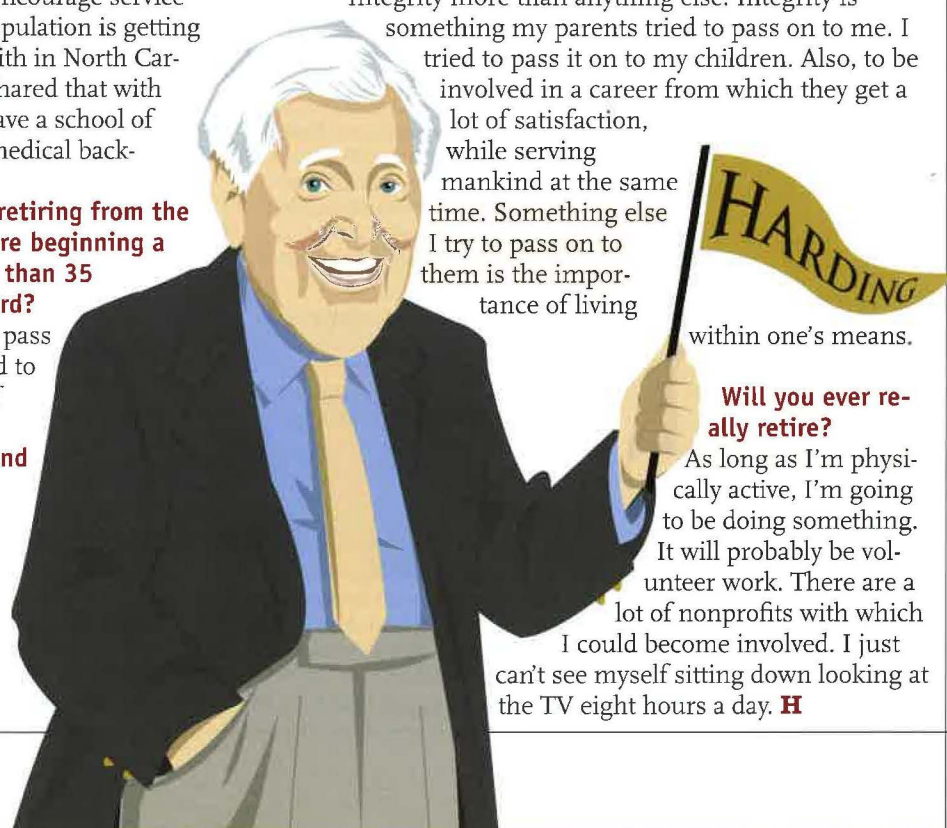


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CAREER GOAL: Build a College of Pharmacy

Harding University is pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Julie Hixson-Wallace** as dean of the institution's new College of Pharmacy. Hixson-Wallace joins the Harding faculty from the Mercer University Southern School of Pharmacy in Atlanta, Ga., where she was assistant dean for administration. In addition to her educational experience, she has served as a clinical pharmacist at the Veteran Affairs Medical Center and the DeKalb Medical Center, both in Atlanta.

Harding's College of Pharmacy is scheduled to begin offering the Pharm.D. degree in fall 2007. Hixson-Wallace is recruiting and interviewing applicants for faculty positions. The College of Pharmacy is also accepting applications from prospective students.

For additional information, prospective faculty members or students may e-mail Hixson-Wallace at jahixson@harding.edu.



Julie Hixson-Wallace, Pharm.D.

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Homecoming 2006 proves to be eventful for senior Katie Casey of Searcy as she plays Tzeitel in "Fiddler on the Roof" and (inset) is escorted by her father, professor of music Warren Casey, after being crowned Homecoming Queen.